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Monday

In 1957 a girl named Joyce went on a blind date in New York City. That date was to change her life, for the man she met was Jack Kerouac, hero and prophet of the *Beat* Generation, whose language, philosophy and morals were exposed to the world that same year with the publication of Kerouac's classic *On the Road.* Spectrum on Monday presents the first of two extracts from the touching, funny and nostalgic book Joyce Johnson has written about her life with Kerouac.

The Times Profile is of Lord Hartwell, proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, the press baron who sees himself as the voice of the silent majority.

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Prior stands by Heseltine

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Officers killed

Two police officers who had parked their vehicle on the hard shoulder of the M53 at Wirral, Merseyside, were killed in an accident involving a passing car. They had been investigating the site of a previous accident

Paris riot toll

A hundred policemen were injured and 113 people were detained during the riots in Paris on Thursday following protest rallies by students and farmers earlier in the day Page 6

Reagan limit

The US Senate Intelligence Committee has approved a compromise plan that would allow President Reagan to continue covert support for Nicaraguan rebels until September 30. Nicaraguan appeal, Page 6

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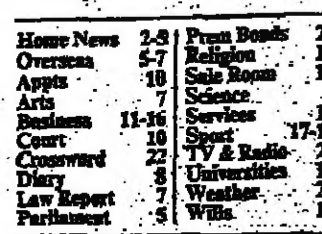
With world economies moving out of recession, unit trusts specializing in recovery situations scored healthy gains last month. Family money, page 13

Short measure

Joan Benoit's Boston marathon win may not be accepted as a woman's world best of 2hr 22min 43sec as the course was remeasured and found to be 295 metres short Page 19

Cup favourites

Hull, champions of the Rugby League, finalists and favourites to win the Premiership, are also favourites to win the Challenge Cup against Featherstone Rovers at Wembley today Page 19



Local elections reveal danger of delay

Thatcher will be told it must be June 9 poll

● Mrs Thatcher will be told at *Chequers tomorrow that she must go* for June 9, and she must not delay.
● Labour jubilation at winning Liverpool was tempered by the loss of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham.
● Mr James Mortimer, Labour's general secretary, says Labour would enter a June election pessimistically. Union leaders say the party is not ready.
● A big fall in the number of jobless is likely next month after changes in the way the total is calculated.
● Sir Trevor Holdsworth, of GKN, said the recovery should not be seen as another false alarm (Page 11).

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she appears to have an excellent chance of remaining in office if she decides to have a general election on June 9.

But she will also be told that a delay of even one week would be unwise. An alysis of Thursday's voting in the English and Welsh district elections confirms the evidence of the opinion polls over the past two months of a trend in favour of the Labour Party, with the Government's still handsome lead being gradually reduced.

Some ministers who are to attend the Chequers consultations and who until recently favoured an autumn election, appear to have changed their views in the last 48 hours.

Mr William Whitelaw is now said to be strongly in favour of June and Mr John Biffen, hitherto a firm Octobrist, was reported last night to have said with resignation that it was no longer a question of which month but of which Thursday.

Unhappy memories of 1974 were recalled yesterday by Conservatives, who blame Mr Edward Heath for having lost on February 28 an election which they say he could have won two weeks earlier.

Many voices were last night muttering in unison that, if Mrs Margaret Thatcher decided to go, she must go at once and with the briefest possible campaign: an announcement on Tuesday, the proclomation on Friday and polling on June 9.

But several people very close to Mrs Thatcher last night still did not know her mind and few would assert with confidence that she might not yet draw back.

Criticism of the Prime Minister by many in the party, for indecisiveness and even fickleness, had by last night become harsh. At a private meeting on *Thursday night of the officers* and executive of the 1922 Committee, the senior Conservative backbenchers, she was severely blamed for allowing speculation to run out of control.

Mrs Thatcher has much respect for the 1922 executive, which played a vital role in securing Mr Heath's removal from the leadership and her own election, and 10 days ago she asked them through Mr Edward Du Cann, their chairman, to sound party opinion for her.

When they compared notes on Thursday, they found, rather to their surprise, that a majority of Conservative MPs and also of constituency associations favoured October. If Mrs Thatcher wants to hold out for October she can cite this tomorrow as powerful support.

Mr Du Cann, who saw her on Thursday night, was also asked to tell her in the plainest terms that some public statement must be made by Tuesday at the latest if the party and the public were not to be exasperated. By last night there were signs that this truth was now recognized at 10 Downing Street.

In practice the only statement of any value would be either the naming of a date in June or a declaration that there would be no election before the autumn.

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Mrs Thatcher in her Finchley, north London, constituency yesterday: "Just keep calm".

Diary of seven crucial weeks

MAY 13-14 Scottish Conservative party conference
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3 Unemployment figures for May published. Likely to show drop of 100,000
4-5 People's March for Jobs and Peace expected to arrive in London
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7-10 President of Sri Lanka on state visit
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15 Industrial production index, (April), average earnings index (April) and basic rates of wages figures (May) published
17 Retail prices index for May published. Inflation could be down to 4 per cent
21 GDP figures for first quarter published
23 Bank of England quarterly bulletin published giving general assessment of economic performance
24 Balance of payments, current account and overseas trade figures for May published
25 World Cup cricket final
27 CBI monthly trends published
30 Henley Royal Regatta starts

Budget change 'loses' 26,000 unemployed

By Peter Wilson-Smith

A big fall in the number of people out of work is likely to be announced by the Government early next month because of another change in the way the jobless total is calculated.

Unemployment figures for April released yesterday by the Department of Employment show a 2,511 fall to 3,169,879 in the number of people out of work because of the change announced in the last Budget, which has taken 26,400 men aged over 60 off the register.

The impact on the May figures, due out on June 3, is likely to be much greater. Combined with a normal seasonal fall in people out of work, this could reduce the unadjusted total by about 100,000. It is also expected to cut the seasonally adjusted total of unemployed, excluding school leavers, to below three million. Last month, this measure, which normally gives a more accurate indication of the trend, reduced the total by 4,500 to 3,021,200.

The drop in the jobless figures arises because men aged over 60 no longer have to sign on for benefits to protect their pension rights. An earlier change in the way the unemployed are counted cut the total by 246,000 last November.

The latest drop can only heighten speculation over a June election. The Government, however, was careful not to make political capital out of the fall, pointing instead to the slow down in the rate of job losses and the increase in the number of vacancies.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said: "Although the April unemployment figures show no dramatic changes, the trend of unemployment is rising less steeply"

Labour puts brave face on defeats

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Labour leaders were putting a brave face yesterday on a pattern of local election results which showed them doing little more than holding their own. The loss of the major cities of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham put a damper on Labour glee at taking Liverpool.

Sir Jack Smart, leader of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the Labour Party's showing in the conurbations outside London (where no elections were held) endorsed Labour policies – a judgment based on the support given to several high-spending authorities, including Newcastle upon Tyne and Manchester. The "socialist republic of South Yorkshire" lived up to its name, with Labour adding a seat to its impregnable position in Sheffield and scoring in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

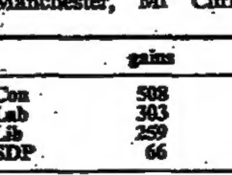
But the rifts in the Labour camp showed through last night. In Bristol, there was a tussle between moderates and an enhanced left-wing group, although Mr Claude Draper, the moderate Labour leader, looks likely to survive. He told *The Times* that the Conservatives would control his city for twelve months at most. In Manchester, the Labour Left increased its strength to 33 members, against the moderates' 39.

Conservative Central Office was naturally pleased at the Tory success in maintaining control over Birmingham and, in a little-noticed result, picking up seats in Leeds. An important result for the party's psephologists was Reading, where the Conservatives gained an overall majority.

Conservative fears about the potential strength of the Liberals evaporated as Liberals lost strength along the south coast. The notable Liberal victory in Chelmsford was belittled by Conservatives as a special product of 10 years of grass-roots campaigning.

Mr Tony Greaves, organizing secretary of the Association of Liberal Councillors, noted that his party seemed to have prospered where its campaign was recognizably Liberal and unencumbered by the Social Democrats. He contrasted Chelmsford and Yeovil, where Liberals did well on their own, with Newbury where, despite high hopes, the Alliance made no impact. Overall the Liberals' net gain of between 100 to 150 seats was somewhat disappointing – their target had been 200 seats.

The private reactions of Social Democrats was summed up by the party's organizer for Manchester, Mr Christopher Muir. He described their showing in the city as catastrophic.



	gains	losses
Con	508	389
Lab	303	264
Lib	259	144
SDP	66	74

Results from 310 comparable councils in England and Wales.

Reaction to the Labour victory in Liverpool came from civil servants. At last, one said, there will be a council able to implement its decisions.

Party professionals have pointed to the paradox of Labour losing Tamworth, *but* gaining nearby Redditch.

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Labour summit against an early poll

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Labour and trade union leaders admitted last night that the party is not yet in a state to win a general election.

Gathering in what Mr James Mortimer, the party general secretary, described as a "mood of realism" the summit conference of the Shadow Cabinet, national executive and the Trade Unions for a Labour Victory (TULV) agreed that although the party's prospects were improving it had a long way to go.

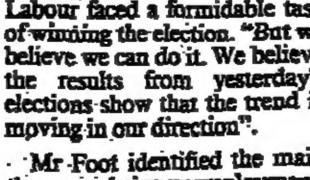
The first session of the two-day conference at Woodstock College, Surrey, appeared to have been a frank discussion of Labour's position.

Mr Mortimer said later that if Mrs Margaret Thatcher called an election next month Labour would not enter it pessimistically. It would win the argument during the campaign, he said. But the clear unspoken message from the early discussions appeared to be that Labour would prefer an election later rather than sooner.

Mr Michael Foot and Mr David Basnett, chairman of TULV, opened the first debate. Mr Mortimer, summarizing their speeches and later contributions, said: "There is no doubt that everybody feels that the Labour movement is moving forward and has been moving forward for some time."

The Darlington by-election represented a turning point. "There was a feeling that we have the policies, we have a united leadership and the whole movement is rallying round, and we are in better shape than we have been for some time."

But Mr Mortimer said that was not idle optimism. "There



Mr John Mortimer (left) and Mr David Basnett.

was a recognition that we have a good way to go before we can win a majority in a general election."

He added: "The feeling which emerged all round was that things are moving in our direction but we still have a long way to go. We feel we are not yet now in a position where we have majority support."

Mr Foot, speaking after the second session which focused on election themes, said that Labour faced a formidable task of winning the election. "But we believe we can do it. We believe the results from yesterday's elections show that the trend is moving in our direction".

Mr Foot identified the main themes as being unemployment, the protection of the social services and education, help for people on council estates, the Government's record on manufacturing and stopping the nuclear arms race,

Mr Basnett promoted the slogan for the election campaign of Caring Makes Economic Sense. This has not yet been agreed by the party although Mr Mortimer gave it his personal support.

Mr Basnett said at a press conference the party's target of a £2m election fighting fund would be met by the unions, although he declined to give details. The party has raised about £650,000.

Bonn Government says Hitler diaries forged

By Michael Binyon in Bonn and John Wintherow in London

The Sunday Times announced yesterday that it would not be publishing the so-called Hitler diaries after the West German Government had said they were forgeries.

Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Minister of the Interior, said scientific tests by the federal archives in Koblenz had shown they were produced after the end of the war. Examination of the paper, ink and twine used for the bindings of six volumes and historical investigations had all proved them to be forgeries.

Herr Henri Nannen, the publisher of *Stern*, which discovered the 60 volumes of the diaries and has already started publishing their contents, said the magazine could not evade the "considerations" of the federal archives, and would fully take into account the results in further publication of the diaries.

A spokesman for *Stern* said later that the magazine would make no official statement yet, but it was clear that *Stern* would suspend publication of the diaries.

He said that the second instalment of the Rudolf Hess affair, planned for publication next Thursday, would not now appear while *Stern* investigated the circumstances and background to the Government's declaration that th diaries were forged.

In London, Mr Arthur Brittenden, director of Corporate Relations at News International, the parent company of Times Newspapers, said publication of the first instalment on May 22 would not go ahead and that the company would attempt to recover from *Stern* $200,000 (£130,000) that it had already paid. News International had agreed to pay $400,000 in total if the diaries were authenticated.

Two of the volumes arrived in London yesterday and independent tests were being conducted by analysts. "This examination will proceed and the experts' opinions will be published," *Mr Brittenden said* in a statement.

He added that the decision to publish had been taken only



Professor Booms: Earlier mistakes repeated.

after very positive identification by Lord Dacre, formerly Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, and assurances received from *Stern* magazine. Lord Dacre said last night he regretted verifying the diaries too quickly and had now been convinced for some time that they were forgeries.

In Paris, *Paris-Match.* The weekly magazine, announced that it had decided not to go ahead with the publication of extracts. It believed it was its "duty to stop all publication while awaiting for new light to be thrown on this affair".

The editors of *Stern* had handed over to the federal archives a selection of the volumes from the years *1934*, 1937, 1939, 1942 and 1943 together with the special 1941 volume on Rudolf Hess.

To carry out the tests the archives had drawn on the help of the Federal Criminal Department in Koblenz and the Federal Department of Materials Testing. It carried out its own historical and archival investigations into the contents.

"On the basis of the analysis of the contents and of the forensic and scientific investigations, the federal archives are convinced that the documents handed over to them could not have come from the hand of Hitler but had been manufactured after the war," Herr Zimmermann said.

In a clear reproof to *Stern* for giving rise to a worldwide controversy over the diaries which many German politicians believe has damaged the German image and been seen as an attempt to whitewash Hitler, Herr Zimmermann added: "I regret that the tests could not have been *carried out* before publication."

Herr Nannen said in his statement that a final

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Israel accepts terms for withdrawal from Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The way was opened yesterday for an attempt to revive President Reagan's moribund Middle East peace plan when the Israeli Cabinet voted by 17 to two to accept in principle the terms of a troop withdrawal agreement with Lebanon worked out during the shuttle mission of Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State.

A triumphant Mr Shultz, later described the decision, which was bitterly opposed by Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Defence Minister, as a "milestone". He then left Israel for neighbouring Jordan for talks with King Husain where he was expected to cite the projected Israeli-Lebanese accord as evidence of America's ability to secure results.

Although a number of ministers were unhappy about the security arrangements envisaged for southern Lebanon, they apparently agreed to accept the plan both because of the improvement in relations with the US offered as quid pro quo and because of a realization of the domestic unpopularity of the continued involvement in Lebanon.

This was brought home dramatically to ministers for the seven-hour cabinet session by an opinion poll in the morning paper *Halaretz*, which showed the main opposition Labour party ahead of the ruling Likud for the first time since June 1981. Discontent with the failure to find a solution to a war which has already cost 481 Israeli lives was given as one of the main reasons for the turnround.

The Cabinet vote, which accepted goals far short of those for which Israel launched its sixth war, was taken 11 months to the day since the invasion forces first crossed into Lebanon. It has effectively guaranteed that the onus of any failure to secure the withdrawal of the 70,000 foreign troops still on Lebanese soil will now lie with Syria.

Mr Yitzhak Modai, the energy minister, gave warning after the Cabinet session that if

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THE SHULTZ SHUTTLE

Monday April 25
Mr George Shultz and a party including the special Middle East envoys, Mr Philip Habib and Mr Morris Draper and 15 State Department journalists fly from Washington to Cairo.

Tuesday April 26
Four-hour talk with President Mubarak.

Wednesday April 27
First meeting with Mr Begin.

Thursday April 28
Flies to Beirut for first meeting with President Gemayel. Returns to Jerusalem.

Friday April 29
More talks in Jerusalem.

Saturday April 30
Returns to Beirut. Stays overnight in American Ambassador's residence which comes under rocket attack.

Sunday May 1
Returns to Jerusalem.

Monday May 2
More talks with government leaders.

Tuesday May 33
Returns to Beirut and stays overnight at the presidential palace at Ballabda.

Wednesday May 4
Returns to Jerusalem and begins an intensive round of more than eight hours of talks,

Thursday May 5
Rests at hotel nursing sore throat and cold. In afternoon attends inauguration of Mr Chaim Herzog as Israel's new President.

Fraud trial juror tells of bribe offer

Scotland Yard is investigating an attempt to bribe a juror in the trial of Gordon Campbell Tonner, a jeweller, who was jailed yesterday for seven and a half years and fined £400,000 for a £3.5m bullion tax fraud.

The juror went to police after a man approached him in the street and pressed a wad of notes into his hand. After Tonner's conviction, Judge Richard Lowry, QC said the bribery bid demonstrated the futility of attempts at "jury nobbling". Two weeks ago, a juror in another trial at the Central Criminal Court was confronted by two men who threatened to shoot him on his way to the court.

Tonner, aged 49, was convicted of conspiracy to defraud over VAT payments on gold. With three other convicted men, he had set out to "manipulate" the tax system by selling gold bullion to Hatton Garden dealers and pocketing the 15 per cent VAT which they collected on the sale.

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Children questioned on break-ins

Three young children were last night being questioned by detectives at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, in connexion with a series of burglaries involving thousands of pounds in the town.

A police spokesman said that the children had so far refused to talk and had not even divulged their names or ages. They were thought to be about 10 years old and were being questioned about thefts involving cash and jewelry.

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Judge rules wife of IRA man 'safe'

A judge ruled yesterday that the Chief Constable of the RUC did not have to produce the wife of an alleged Provisional IRA informer in answer to a writ of habeas corpus (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Justice Hutton said in Belfast that the writ, issued last week, did not apply because Mrs Linda Quigley, the wife of Mr Robert Quigley, who is expected to be a Crown witness in a forthcoming trial, was in police protection.

Sir John Hermon, the chief constable, earlier had said in a written reply to the court that Mrs Quigley was residing of her own choice with her husband and two children under police protection.

However, Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, acting for Mr Quigley's sister, said that by not producing the woman in court the chief constable was "cocking a snook" at the court and was in contempt.

The judge said that police protection was not unlawful detention and that Sir John's reply to the writ was valid but the chief constable's reply will examined at a full hearing on Thursday.

Strike at plant stops royal visit

Princess Anne has cancelled plans to tour the Lucas Aerospace factory in Birmingham on Monday because of a six-week strike by 90 assembly workers at the plant and the possibility that strikers might try to disrupt the occasion.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday that the Princess would spend the day in Birmingham and the rest of her tour would go ahead as planned.

News group cuts staff

Eight of the 23 journalists employed by Thomson Regional Newspapers at its London office are to be made redundant, the company announced yesterday. They include the group's chief London editor, sports editor and defence correspondent.

Mr William Heeps, the editorial director of TRN, said that the cause of the decline in regional sales the newspapers will concentrate in collecting information and will depend less on centrally produced material.

Karate man gets four years

Michael Roberts, aged 22, a karate enthusiast, was jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for killing Ellen Cole, aged 13 months, who had pulled his hair.

Roberts, of Edmonton, north London, rained punches on the girl, the daughter of the woman with whom he was living last year, the jury heard.

He was cleared of murder, but convicted of manslaughter.

Scots glue bill passed

A Bill which will enable children caught sniffing glue in Scotland to be referred to reporters of the children's courts passed its remaining stages in the Commons yesterday.

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50th heart man

The fiftieth heart transplant patient operated on at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, was yesterday named as Mr Colin Ward, aged 40, a former postman, of Branshaw Grove, Keighley, West Yorkshire. His wife said: "Everything is going along well."

Scargill calls for war of attrition over pit closures

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, served notice last night that attempts by the National Coal Board and its incoming chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, to close uneconomic pits would be met with a "war of attrition".

He confirmed a move towards a new union tactic, revealed in *The Times* on Monday, of planning selective strikes at "big hitter" pits rather than the present policy of all-out national stoppages.

Mr Scargill told the Lancashire miners' conference in Blackpool the day after Mr Norman Siddall, the board chairman, had forecast further pit closures, that the selective action could be based on the country's most profitable pits.

Calling for opposition to a pit closures programme, the president said: "There are two things we can do. We can have all-out strike action against that policy or we can begin to think logically about the type of policy we can employ. If the coal board intends to close the 30 most uneconomic pits, then we will ask the 30 most profitable pits, such as Selby, to go out on strike."

Mr Scargill said the rest of the country's miners would stay at work but would be levied to raise a fund for payment of normal take-home pay to these miners on strike.

Mr Siddall told the Lancashire miners' conference on Thursday that the industry has to abandon "hopeless pits" because too much coal was being produced too expensively. It is likely that the drive against uneconomic mines could lead to the closure of 15 pits with the loss of 15,000 jobs in 1983-84.

Mr Scargill criticized Mr Siddall's claim that 23,000 miners had left the industry since 1975 and said that the workforce had been reduced by 45,000 over the past eight years.

"I am delighted to tell this conference that I have received a letter from Michael Foot giving an undertaking that if the Labour Party are elected they will stop the policy of pit closures", Mr Scargill said.

A board spokesman said later that the 30 most profitable pits employed about 45,000 men, for whom the weekly wages bill was about £9m. If that number of men were called out on strike the levy on each miner still at work would be about £50 a week, the board said.

Timex court action to end sit-in

From Our Correspondent, Edinburgh

The management of Timex, in Dundee, took legal action yesterday to end the five-week sit-in at their Milton plant. The firm also announced that they are to make a further 300 workers redundant because of the dispute.

The company said they had lodged a petition in the High Court in Edinburgh to suspend the unlawful trespass and to interdict those engaged in the sit-in from remaining on or entering unlawfully the company's property.

The latest job losses, which will reduce the workforce to 1,000, were, the firm said, directly due to Timex's failure to meet commitments and to maintain customer confidence because of the dispute.

The dispute is about compulsory redundancies and a reduction in watchmaking in Dundee. All 400 workers in the sit-in have been either dismissed for breach of contract or made compulsorily redundant.

The sit-in workers said the latest move showed the contemptible attitude of Timex management. They said the workforce was appalled at the timing of the management's action, in view of the scheduled meeting between Mr Alex Fletcher, the minister responsible for industry in Scotland, and members of the Scottish TUC, which had been called in a attempt to find a solution to the dispute.

● Leyland truck workers at the Albion plant, in Glasgow, voted yesterday to strike because they fear the management may force compulsory redundancies (the Press Association reports). The strike started after last night's shift. Leyland said that the strike could threaten production and jobs at its other truck plants.

● The Ford Sierra was Britain's best-selling car in April for the second month running, according to figures published yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Divers told to end sit-in

Chevron Oil was granted an interim interdict in the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday ordering 27 divers involved in a sit-in to leave their Ninian Northern platform in the North Sea.

Last night talks to try workers and other divers throughout the entire British sector of the North Sea failed to get off the ground.

The sit-in, which began on Wednesday, is in protest against tactics used by the divers' employers, Sub-sea Offshore, an Aberdeen – based contracting firm. The divers claim the firm is refusing to recognize their union, the Professional Divers' Association, that it is using foreign divers at reduced rates, that it has been withholding bonuses and is ill treating and intimidating PDA members.

A meeting yesterday between the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the National Union of Seamen and the PDA in Aberdeen offered full support to the divers.

Mr Warren Duncan, of the NUS, said after the meeting: "We have promised full support. That could involve all 5,000 construction workers and divers in all the North Sea fields downing tools and sitting in with the divers. But we are awaiting certain clarifications from the Ninian field before any action is taken."

A spokesman for Chevron said: "Sub-Sea has sent two negotiators to its platform to sort out the dispute. He added: "The divers have been ordered in writing to leave the platform: we have provided transport to got them to comply, but on each occasion they have refused".



Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, in his room at the Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Liverpool doubts as left win

By Ronald Faux

The capture of Liverpool City Council by a left-wing dominated Labour group with a working majority ends 10 years in which no party has had overall control in the city. There were two widely differing views of the future yesterday.

Mr John Hamilton, Labour leader and a moderate, said socialist policies would bring prosperity again to the ailing city. Any costs incurred would be well repaid by the prosperity and rejuvenation of Liverpool.

But Mr Reginald Flude, the former Conservative leader, who lost his seat on the council to Labour, declared that the city would become the first socialist state in Britain.

"The electorate will soon discover what they have let themselves in for. The first batch of destructive policies will be nothing in comparison with what is up their sleeves after the general election", he said.

Sir Trevor Jones, former Liberal leader of the council, forecast that the left-wing programme would cost Liverpool an extra £50m, doubling the rates burden and causing many firms to close. The result of the election had been an anti-government vote, which was understandable in a city that had suffered so much.

The future of the Labour leadership after the remarkable victory is thought by many Opposition councillors to depend on when the next general election is called. An early date could mean that Militant Tendency and left-wing supporters in the Labour group will be content for Mr Hamilton to remain for the short term.

Yesterday the party denied plans to change the leadership but a vote will be taken on Monday at a Labour group meeting. Other possible candidates are Mr Derek Hatton, a Marxist and Militant supporter, and Mr Eddie Loyden, a former Labour MP and the parliamentary candidate in the new Garston constituency.

Mr Hamilton remained confident about his future and jubilant at Labour's victory. "The Liberals have taken us up the road to bankruptcy with their policies and the people of the area have recognized the problems and shown clearly that they are fed up with the way the city has been run".

The Liberals took control of Liverpool in 1974 with a narrow majority and held power for three years. Labour then won a minority lead until 1978 when, *although they held a majority*, the party refused to accept control because it was unable to win a majority on all the committees.

For five months in 1979 no party would accept power in Liverpool. Towards the end of the year Labour took control. In 1980 Liberals took control and held it till yesterday. The last time the Conservatives held overall control of Liverpool was in 1971.

The Labour Party in the city divides into militant, left-wing, Tribunite and moderate camps, with the moderates hugely outvoted. In that balance, with about ten Militant Tendency supporters and a majority of Troskyist sympathizers, Mr Hamilton's leadership comes under a question mark.

The new administration will have 51 Labour councillors, 30 Liberals and 18 Conservatives. Labour is pledged to cutting council rents by £2 a week, a council house "build for rent" scheme, and large-scale job creation projects.

Britain plays down Heseltine's 'hiccup'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The British Government will make no apology to the Republic of Ireland over remarks made by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, about Irish neutrality during a 24-hour visit to Ulster this week.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, denied today that Mr Heseltine's remarks had been a gaffe or had caused any problems in his efforts to ease tensions in Anglo-Irish relations.

Speaking during a tour of Co Antrim, he said it clear there would be no apology to Dublin and that nor would one have been expected.

He thought there would be no lasting effect on relations between London and Dublin. Official sources in the republic were describing Mr Heseltine's comments as a "hiccup". In London, the Foreign Office attempted to play down their significance.

Mr Prior said people were trying to make a great deal out of the Secretary of State's remarks, but one of the good things about relations between the two countries was that they would not cause lasting damage. He said he had been able to reach a very good understanding with Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Prime Minister, Dr Garret Fitzgerald.

It has not gone unnoticed that the furore over Mr Heseltine's remarks have come at a time when there is a by-election in Donegal, South-west.

Yesterday Mr Charles Haughey continued to attack Mr Heseltine's comments, saying that it was not so much what he had said but where he had said it. It was an unwarranted impertinence for a British minister to come to any part of the island and attack Irish policy, he said.

Mr Heseltine's statements were an attack on the republic's policy of neutrality. It was unwarranted for any "allegedly friendly" government to attack another government in that way.

Mr Haughey added that he did not know whether Mr Heseltine's comments represented British government policy, but he was Secretary of State for Defence and they must be questioned. He added that there were many ominous signs that Irish military neutrality was being questioned in different ways.

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Tory MP wins case on selection

Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West yesterday won a High Court battle against his local Conservative association over the right to be selected as a candidate in the next election.

Mr Justice Caulfield, sitting in London, held that the new Clwyd North-West Conservative Association had broken its rules when it recommended that only one name that of Miss Beata Brookes, Euro-MP for north Wales, should go forward to the association's annual general meeting on Monday.

Sir Anthony's name should be added to the recommendation, the judge ruled.

Outside the court Sir Anthony said it was a "very satisfactory" outcome.

Under recent boundary changes part of Sir Anthony's constituency, which he has represented for 13 years, is being swallowed up by the new one of Clwyd, North-west.

The Clwyd Conservative Association's executive council interviewed three candidates from an original field of 72, Miss Brookes, Sir Anthony and Mr Geraint Morgan QC, whose Denbigh constituency will also come under Clwyd, North-west.

A vote was then taken.

On the first ballot none of the three had an overall majority. The council then held a second ballot between the top two, Miss Brookes and Sir Anthony. Miss Brookes won, and she alone was recommended for adoption as Clwyd North-west's prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate.

But the judge said that the second ballot was not needed. The rules for choosing a candidate stated that if there was no overall majority after a ballot "more than one candidate should be recommended. That means" the judge said, "that Sir Anthony, as well as Miss Brookes, should have been recommended."

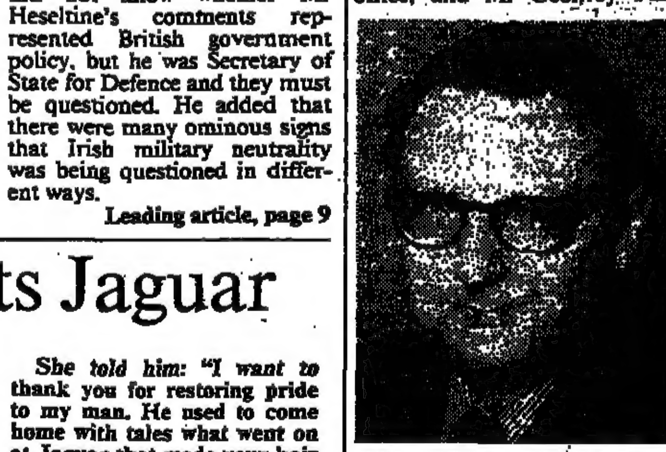
BMA civil defence retreat

By Nicholas Timmins

Leaders of Britain's community physicians, who play a key part in the health services' planning for a nuclear war, yesterday backed away from a direct confrontation with the Government over civil defence.

After an hour-long discussion with two government ministers responsible for civil defence, the British Medical Association's central committee for community medicine, deleted from a motion a section that urged community physicians to take no further part in planning for a nuclear war until the Government meets the criticisms of its civil defence plans in the recent report from the association's Board of Science.

The 24-member committee, however, remained critical of the plans, despite the hearing it gave to Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home office, and Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, the Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health. The meeting described the plans as unsound and inappropriate and urged the Government to produce more realistic ones.



Mr Mayhew: "Doctors have a duty".

The complexities of the constitution, however, mean that the original motion urging a boycott of civil defence planning will still be discussed at the community physicians' annual conference in a month's time, and at the association's annual representative meeting in Dundee at the end of next month.

If it is passed at the latter meeting it will become association policy.

● The Labour Party was accused of reaching "a new level of naivety" by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, for its decision to ask the Soviet Union how it would respond to unilateral nuclear disarmament by Britain.

"We all know what the Russians will do", Mr Heseltine said in his Henley constituency. "They will continue to develop their nuclear capability and they will continue to introduce new nuclear weapon systems."

Science report

Pointers to the benefits of exercise

By the Staff of *Nature*

The unexpected discovery that the sustained high temperatures which follow heavy physical exercise are produced by a mechanism similar to that responsible for the fever of bacterial infections has been reported by Dr Joseph G. Cannon and Dr Matthew J. Kluger, of the University of Michigan.

What seems to happen is that the white blood cells known as mononuclear leukocytes, which secrete a protein material causing fever in response to bacterial infection, behave in the same way during physical exercise.

Although very little is known about the protein other than its size, the Michigan researchers have been able to measure quantities of it in blood of human subjects by collecting blood plasma, extracting protein materials of the expected size and injecting these into rats. Increase of the body temperature of the rats within two hours of the injection was used as a means of measuring the quantity of protein, called endogenous pyrogen, among the materials injected.

The surprising discovery is that both the blood plasma from people who had been taking physical exercise, and the materials secreted by mononuclear leukocytes taken from the same subjects' blood, increased the body temperature of rats by about half a degree Centigrade, comparable to that caused by the injection of a familiar bacterial toxin.

The same series of experiments has shown that endogenous pyrogen protein produced by people who have taken physical exercise will scavenge from the blood of rats substantial proportions of the iron and zinc which are normally in circulation.

This finding provides further evidence that endogenous pyrogen is identical with the protein known to be responsible for removing iron and zinc from the blood of people during fevers caused by natural infections.

The significance of the main finding that exercise stimulates the production of endogenous pyrogen is at this stage unclear. The authors of the research point out that it provides a natural explanation for why the body temperature of people who have taken exercise may remain unnaturally high for several hours afterwards. It may also explain why people who exercise regularly are relatively immune from bacterial infection.

But in the long run the experiments now described will provide the foundation on which to base studies of the way in which exercise stimulates the immune system as a whole. Jogging may, thereby, be justified.

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Five Scots councils to be told to cut rates

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, is to take punitive action against five councils for excessive spending. One of them, Lothian Regional Council, is nominally controlled by the Conservatives but they have no overall majority and the budget was approved earlier this year by a combination of Labour and Social Democratic votes.

Under the tighter control of councils that the Government has in Scotland, Mr Younger is to demand that the five councils cut their rates by specified amounts.

The five are: Lothian, Glasgow, Kirkcaldy and Stirling (the last three solidly Labour) and Shetland Islands Council, which is non-party. The Shetlanders have claimed for some time that government guidelines fail to recognize the islands' special needs and the social costs of oil-related developments.

Overall, Scottish councils are budgeting to spend £121m more than the Government's plan and in a statement yesterday Mr Younger threatened that he would hold back the rate support grant to all councils as a punishment. In order to compel councils to cut their rates, and, as a result of their spending, Mr Younger will have to submit a report on each council to Parliament, together with any comments the council wishes to make.

Farm strike is rejected

From John Young, Agricultural Correspondent, Eastbourne

Farm workers yesterday narrowly rejected a call for strike action if pay talks due to start this month fail to produce a satisfactory settlement.

A motion put to the annual conference of the Agricultural and Allied Workers Trade Group of the Transport and General Workers Union was defeated by 33-27, with a number of abstentions.

An emergency motion referring to a report in *The Times* yesterday and calling on the Government to refuse to allow consignments of dioxin waste from Seveso, in Italy, into Britain was carrid unanimously.

Should there be any attempt, either legal or illegal, to import it, other members of the union, including dockers, airport workers, incineration workers and lorry drivers, should refuse to handle it.

The defeat of the call for strike action, although the closest for many years, clearly weakened an earlier demand from the negotiating committee for farmworkers' basic wage to be increased to the average in industry, and for a 35-hour week.

Two amendments to the pay resolution had called for a minimum wage of £120 and £160 respectively, but both were defeated. In moving the resolution, Mr Thomas Daniel, a member of the negotiating committee said it could be *hamstrungh if tied to a specific figure.*

But Mr Barry Salmon, a Suffolk delegate, said there was no doubt that farmers could afford to pay. They were spending proportionately less on wages now than they had ever done.

In calling for strike action, especially during the harvest period, Mr Howard Wright, of Wiltshire, said that all the mild tanker drivers he had spoken to had said they would not cross picket lines at farm gates.

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John's gospel profits Jaguar

By Clifford Webb

Mr John Egan, the chief executive who saved Jaguar from almost certain closure three years ago and turned losses of £2m a month into profits this year, said yesterday: "I am preparing Jaguar to be capable of a profitable and independent future".

But he declined to comment on reports that the company will be the first part of BL to invite private investment next year.

Reports that world demand for Jaguar cars is now so high that a night shift could be introduced for the first time in more than four years have increased this speculation.

He is now in great demand as an after dinner speaker when he spreads the gospel on Jaguar's return from the brink.

John Egan, who is 43, is a petroleum engineer by training who came to BL after spells with Shell and General Motors. He first attracted attention in the early 1970s as managing director of BL's Unipart spares and servicing company.

He is generally credited with laying the foundations for it to become one of the first profitable parts of the groups and, like Jaguar, a prime candidate for private enterprise participation.

But Mr Egan, unhappy with the centralized set-up resulting from the Ryder report, joined Massey Ferguson, the Canadian-owned tractor maker, whose biggest plant is close to Jaguar's Coventry base.

Soon after Sir Michael Edwardes became chairman of BL in 1977 he tried to recruit Mr Egan. But it was only in 1980, when Jaguar was given a separate identity again, that Mr Egan was persuaded to return, as chairman and chief executive. Most observers thought he was too late.

Mr Egan did not hide the danger. On the contrary, in a series of meetings with employees, he emphasized that everyone's job was at risk.

Undoubtedly his bravest decision was to come clean on the myth of Jaguar quality. Mr Egan said it was deplorable and had been so for a long time. Only the immense loyalty for the name Jaguar had kept motorists buying it.

It was not simply poor workmanship in Jaguar's plants. The car's magnificient design was being let down by poor quality components from outside suppliers.

With production down from its peak of 32,000 cars a year to 14,000 in 1980, the labour force was reduced by nearly a third to about 7,000, without too much opposition.

Mr Egan's present standing on the shop floor was summed up by the wife of an employee who sought him out at an open day for families (another Egan innovation) to shake his hand.

She told him: "I want to thank you for restoring pride to my man. He used to come home with tales what went on at Jaguar that made your hair curl. He was fed up and ashamed of working there".

He has already started Jaguar on the long road back to the 24-hour Le Mans race with a win last week over the mighty BMWs in a championship race at Donington.

The return of the glory days when the Big Cat carried the flag successfully on the world's racing circuits is one of his most constant thoughts during early morning runs near his home at Warwick.

Bugner boxed in

Joe Bugner, the boxer, has been asked to agree to the freezing of the purse from his next fight until the completion of maintenance proceedings involving his former wife, it was disclosed in a joint statement issued after a hearing yesterday at Cambridge County Court.

Lecturers agree

Unions representing about 80,000 full-time and many part-time college and polytechnic lecturers yesterday agreed a provisional pay settlement giving increases of 4.5 per cent plus £51 a year. They had claimed increases of 12 per cent plus £280 a year.

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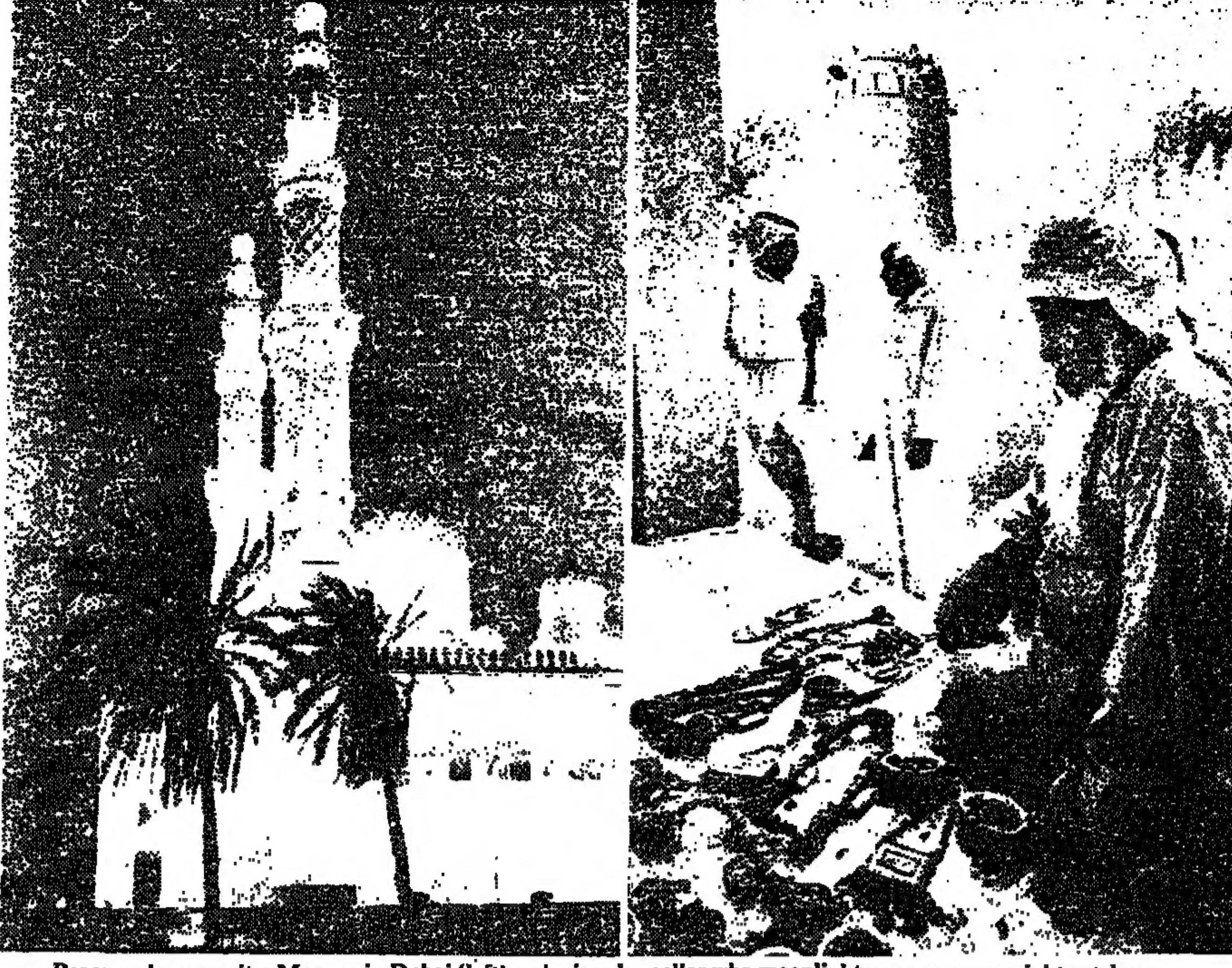
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TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Rich rewards of a comfortable compromise

David Cross savours low-key luxury in the United Arab Emirates


Graham Finlayson

Peace and prosperity: Mosque in Dubai (left) and a jewelry seller who moonlights as a museum nightwatchman

As the DC10 floats down towards the minarets of Sharjah airport a single white flame punctuates the early morning mist like a huge candle. The burning gas is rising above the desert from one of the many oil wells which, in the space of less than 20 years, have transformed the seven feudal sheikhdoms of the lower Gulf into one of the world's richest federations – the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The plane is on time, but the mist is too dense at Dubai international airport, our ultimate destination, and we land at Sharjah to wait for it to lift. More than two hours later, when the rising sun has cleared the air, we take off again, minus a handful of the more impatient passengers, for one of the shortest commercial flights possible in a long-haul jet. In a land where prestige is more important than money, the building of two major airports just 10 miles apart for no more than a few dozen flights a day is not regarded as extravagant.

Dubai airport, with its plush air-conditioned lounges and row upon row of duty-free shops where a bottle of gin costs just over £1, is almost as magnificent as the mosque-like terminal at Sharjah, although the hordes of foreign workers returning from the Indian subcontinent having their baggage searched for drugs present a hurdle for the unwary at immigration and customs.

Western Europeans are, however, regarded with less suspicion by the authorities, and within a matter of minutes we glide through the formalities and into a waiting taxi. It is spring along the Gulf, the air is dry and clear and the temperature pleasantly in the upper seventies.

Dubai and the other emirates, British protectorates until 12 years ago, represent a comfortable compromise between the Islamic fervour of neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and the industrialized western world. A trip, perched on a rough wooden bench on the deck of a tiny motor ferry, along the creek which has always been the centre of Dubai's commercial life highlights the contrast.

On one side an uninterrupted line of modern buildings, mostly banks and other financial institutions, forms a spectacular backdrop to the dozens of *dhows*, once used to smuggle gold to India but now more likely to ferry electronic gadgetry along the Gulf. On a passing ferry, two Arab women in their traditional shrouds sit sporting luminous green plastic sandals next to a pretty young European girl with shapely tanned calves.

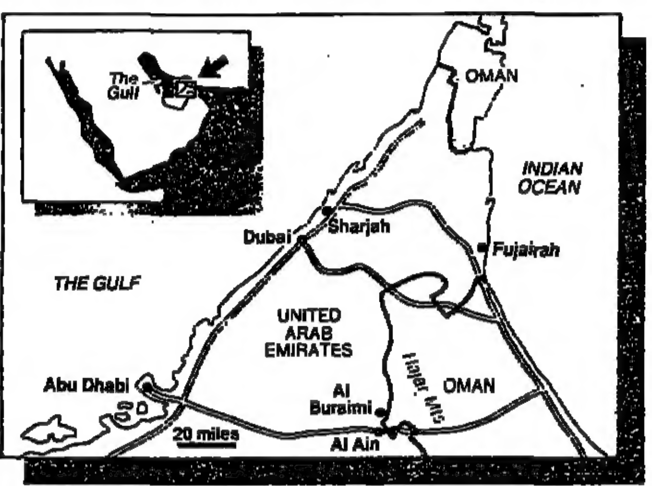
Large parts of the old city have, however, been spared the encroachment of high-rise development projects. The old spice market, filled with the heady scent of dried lemons and cloves, is just a few paces along a narrow alleyway from the gold market, where Lebanese merchants exchange outmoded styles of jewelry for the latest fashions at little more than the original value of bullion. On the other side of the creek, the original mud dwellings still have their wind towers to deflect the sea breezes to the living quarters below.

The desert along the Gulf coast, where it has not been used for building, is mostly flat and uninteresting. But it takes just an hour or so driving inland by car or minibus to reach the real deserts of the Arabian peninsula. Huge sand dunes, some nearly 100ft high, whose shape and colour change constantly as they are subjected to different wind and light conditions, threaten to engulf the fine new metalled roads. As the highways are built, saplings are planted along them to hold back the desert, and wire-mesh fences put up to prevent grazing camels getting run over.

Suddenly the desert gives way to a modern township, dominated by the towers and dome of its own miniature mosque and bristling with television aerials. The settlement has been built to house the few remaining groups of wandering bedouin tribesmen.

A few miles further on lies the historic town of Al Ain, once one of the last watering points on the 1,000-mile camel train route across the Arabian desert, but now a thriving modern metropolis shortly to be blessed with its own Disneyland-type amusement park. Europeans are likely to be more impressed by the Al Buraimi oasis, where water is channelled from the nearby Hajar mountains to irrigate small mud-walled plantations of date and banana palms, by the local camel market or by the Hili excavations, where remains of monuments and dwellings dating from 2,000 BC have been discovered.

From Al Ain the Hajar mountain range is a pale blue ribbon against the sky, but on closer inspection the rocks are dark and crumbling, broken only by deep wadis where a few clumps of palm cling tenuously to life along the dried-out river beds. A splendid new four-lane highway has recently been completed across the mountains to link the Gulf coast with the Indian Ocean.



Duncan Stewart

Fujairah, one of the poorer emirates and the only one entirely on the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula, offers the best ocean bathing in the lower Gulf. There are dozens of tiny sandy bays, deserted except for the occasional fisherman's hut. Hotels such as the Fujairah Hilton have their own beaches with all the facilities for marine sports such as scuba diving.

Nearly all the hotels in the emirates are in the luxury class, and they provide most of the tourist entertainment, including the only legally available alcohol in the emirates. In Dubai and Al Ain and other main cities, there are many excellent ethnic restaurants where the only drawback is the absence of a glass of wine or beer. Most of the hotels host floor shows which are as popular with the local Arabs as with visiting westerners; the entertainment is served with a lavish buffet in which tiny Lebanese delicacies vie for space with whole roast lambs and huge prawns.

The hotels are half empty much of the time, and the scarcity of other tourists is one of the great attractions of a holiday in the UAE. Another great advantage is the tolerance of the authorities towards western customs such as the wearing of bikinis on the beach and women driving. Off the beaches, however, shorts and provocative apparel should not be worn by either sex.

Travel notes

The best time to visit the UAE is between October and April, before heat and humidity set in. Ten nights (11 days) in a top-class Hilton or Holiday Inn costs from £595, including an economy-class return on British Caledonian between Gatwick and Dubai. Breakfast is usually included.

A hamburger or omelette in a hotel snack bar costs about £3.50 and a full-scale buffet meal between £10 and £12 excluding drink. A meal in a good Lebanese-style restaurant costs about the same. Cars can be hired from £115.50 a week with the benefit of unlimited mileage.

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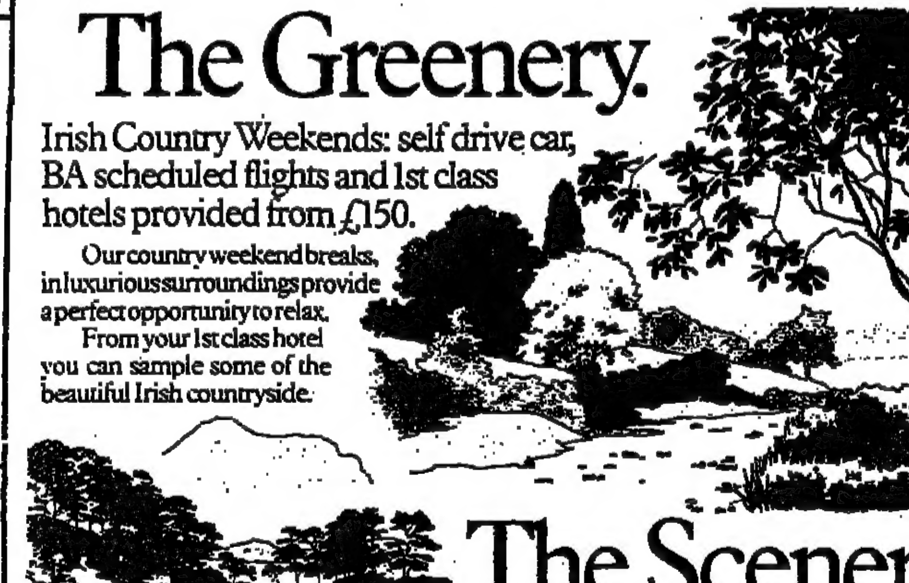
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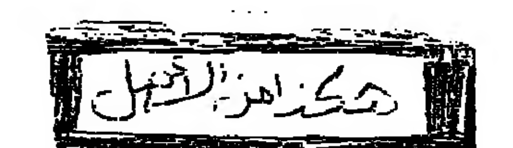
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Metropolitan districts

BARNSLEY (Lab): Lab 20, C 1, R 1. Lab gain 3 from SDP and 2 from R. C gain 1 from L. New council: Lab 58, C 3, L 2, others 3.
No change.

BIRMINGHAM (C): C 19, Lab 20. Lab gain 2 from L and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 60, Lab 55, L 2.
No change.

BRADFORD (None): C 16, Lab 14. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 43, Lab 41, L 5, SDP.
No change.

BOLTON (Lab): Lab 13, C 7. Lab gain 1 from L, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 36, C 22, L 2.
No change.

BURY (C): C 10, Lab 6. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: C 27 Lab 21.
No change

COVENTRY (Lab): Lab 11, C 7. C gain 2 from Lab. New council: Lab 33, C 21.
No change.

CALDERDALE (None): C 8, Lab 6, L 5. L gain 2 from C. C 20, Lab 22, L 11, Others 1.
No change.

DONCASTER (Lab): Lab 17, C 4. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 51, C 11, L 1.
No change.

DUDLEY (C): C 11, Lab 13, SDP 1. C gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP, Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 42, Lab 29, SDP 1.
No change

GATESHEAD (Lab): Lab 21, C 3. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 56, C 7, L 1, Rytonians 2.
No change.

KNOWSLEY (Lab): Lab 21, C 3. New council: Lab 55, C 9, L 2.
No change.

KIRKLEES (Lab): Lab 11, C 7, L 6. C gain 2 from L. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from SDP, L gain 2 from Lab. New council: Lab 37, C 20, L 12, SDP 3.
No change.

LIVERPOOL (none): Lab 24, L 9, C 3. Lab gain 9 from L, 1 from SDP, and 1 from C. L gain 2 from C. New council: Lab 51, L 30, C 18.
Lab gain control.

LEEDS (Lab): Lab 19, C 11, L 3. C gain 1 from L and 1 from Lab, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 54, C 33, L 11, SDP 1.
No change.

MANCHESTER (Lab): Lab 27, C 4, L 2. Lab gain 3 from C. L gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 72, C 22, L 5.
No change.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (Lab): Lab 18, C 7, L 2. Lab gain 2 from C, L gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 44, C 24, L 9, Ind 1.
No change.

NORTH TYNESIDE (Lab): Lab 12, C 7, L 1. Lab gain 2 from SDP, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 33, C 21, L 3, SDP 2. Ind Lab 1.
No change.

OLDHAM (Lab): Lab 14, C 5, L 1. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 40, C 17, L 3.
No change.

ROTHERHAM (Lab): Lab 20, C 1, SDP 1, casual vacancy Lab 1. SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 60, C 4, SDP 2.
No change

ROCHDALE (none): Lab 8, C 7, L 5. C gain 2 from Lab, and gain 1 from L. L gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 27, C 17, L 13, SDP 3.
No change.

SEFTON (C): C 12, Lab 8, L 4. L gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 39, Lab 21, L 7, SDP 1, Ind 1.
No change.

SANDWELL (Lab): Lab 18, C 4, L 2. L gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 54, C 13, L 5.
No change.

SHEFFIELD (Lab): Lab 21, C 6, L 3. Lab gained 2 from L. New council Lab 61, C 18, L 7, others 1.
No change.

SOLIHULL (C): C 11, L 4, Ind 2. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 34, L 12, SDP 2, Ind 3.
No change.

SOUTH TYNESIDE (Lab): Lab 16, C 1, Others 3. Lab gain 1 from Others. New council: Lab 46, C 3, Others 9, L 1, SDP 1.
No change.

ST HELENS (Lab): Lab 14, C 4. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 38, C 12, L 2, SDP 2.
No change.

STOCKPORT (C): C 8, Lab 6, L 7, Ind 1. L gain 1 from Lab and 4 from C, C gain 1 from L and 1 from Lab. New council: C 30, Lab 18, Lib 12, Ind 3.
C lose overall control.

SUNDERLAND (Lab): Lab 19, C 5, L 2. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: C 14, Lab 52, L 6, SDP 1, Ind 2.
No change.

TAMESIDE (Lab): Lab 16, C 3, L 1. L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 44, C 10, L 3.
No change.

TRAFFORD (C): C 14, Lab 6, L 2. C gain 2 from Lab and 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 36, Lab 21, L 6.
No change.

WIGAN (Lab): Lab 21, L 2, C 1. L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 59, L 8, C 5.
No change.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Lab): Lab 12, C 8. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab. new council: Lab 34, C 26.
No change

WALSALL (none): C 7, Lab 10, L 1, Ind 2. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 2 from Lab and 1 from R. New council: C 17, Lab 25, L 7, SDP 2, Ind 8, R 1.
No change.

WIRRAL (C): C 11, Lab 8, L 3. L gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. New council C 34, Lab 24, L 8.
No change.

WAKEFIELD (Lab): Lab 18, C 2, L 1. Lab gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 51, C 6, L 3, SDP 1, R 1, Ind 1.
No change.

Non-metropolitan districts

ALLERDALE (None): Lab 27, Ind 18, C 10. Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

ARUN (C): C 52, L 3, Lab 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

ASHFIELD (Lab): Lab 28, C 1, L 3, SDP 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from R, L gain 3 from R, SDP gain 1 from R.
No change.

AMBER VALLEY (Lab): Lab 5, C 5, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 3. Lab gain 1 from C, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 24, C 7, L 6, Ind 5, SDP 1.
No change.

ASHFORD (C): C 26, SDP 8, Lab 6, Ind 6, Others 3. C gain 1 from Others.
No change.

ALNWICK (None): Ind 10, C 8, L 8, Others 2. Ind gain 2 from L, C gain 2 from Ind and 1 from L, L gain 2 from Ind and 1 from Lab. Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

AYLESBURY VALE (C): C 34, Ind 14, SDP 4, Lab 4, L 1 (1 seat vacant). SDP gained 2 from Ind, C gained 1 from Lab.
No change.

ADUR (L): C 7, L 7. C gain 2 from L and 1 from SDP, L gain 1 from C. New council: L 19, C 17, Lab 1, Ind 2.
L lost control.

BOOTHFERRY (C): C 21, Lab 6, Ind 7, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. SDP gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

BRACKNELL (C): C 40. C gain 7 from Lab and 7 fromn SDP.
No change.

BLABY (C): C 29, L 3, Ind 6, R 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

BARBERGH (Ind): C 18, Ind 18, Lab 3, L 2, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab, 2 from Ind, Lab gained 1 from c. SDP gain 1 from Lab.
Ind lost control.

BOURNEMOUTH (C): C 39, Lab 5, L 4, SDP 1, Ind 3, Others 5. C gain 1 from Lab, 1 from L, and 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C, L gain 2 from C, Others gain 4 from C.
No change.

BRIGHTON (C): C 24, Lab 20, L 3, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
C loses overall control.

BROADLANDS (C): C 10, Ind 5, L 1. L gain 1 from C. New council: C 37, Ind 8, L 3, Lab 1.
No change.

BRIDGNORTH (Ind): Ind 19, C 9, L 3, Lab 2. C gain from Inds, L gain 1 from C, 1 from Others.
No change.

N BEDFORDSHIRE (C): C 32, Lab 9, L 9, Ind 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lab): Lab 8, C 4, L 1, Ind 1, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 25, C 11, L 1, Ind 1.
No change.

BASSETLAW (Lab): Lab 10, C 7, Ind 1. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 27, C 19, Ind 3, SDP 1.
No change.

BATH (C): C 12, Lab 5, L 1. New council: C 33, Lab 11, L 2, SDP 2.
No change.

BASILDON (Lab): Lab 8, C 6. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from R. New council: Lab 24, C 13, L 3, R 2.
No change.

BRENTWOOD (C): C 9, L 4. C gain 1 from Lab, L gain 4 from C. New council: C 28, Lab 3, L 8.
No change.

BLACKBURN (None): Lab 11, C 9, L 1. Lab gain 2 from R and 1 from C. New council: Lab 31, C 24, R 3, L 2.
Lab gained control.

BURNLEY (Lab): Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 2 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 35, C 18, SDP 1.
No change.

BROXBOURNE (C): C 12, Lab 1, L 2. C gain 1 from Lab, L gain 2 from C. New council: C 33, Lab 6, L 3.
No change.

BOSTON (None): C 16, Lab 4, L 4, Ind 10. C gain 1 from Ind and 1 from L, L gain 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from C.
No change.

BROXTOWE (C): C 38, Lab 10, Ind 1. C gain 3 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C.
No change.

BLYTH VALLEY (Lab): Lab 33, C 3, SDP 4, L 7. Lab gain 1 from SDP.
No change.

BROMSGROVE (C): C 29, Lab 8, R 3, L 1. C gain 1 from Lab, R gain 2 from C, Lab gain 3 from C, L gain 1 from C.
No change.

BRISTOL (Lab): C 32, Lab 30, L 6. Boundary changes.
Lab lose overall control.

BRAINTREE (None): C 28, Lab 16, Ind 13, L 3. C gain 3 from L and 2 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, L gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

BOLSOVER (Lab): Lab 34, Ind 3. Lab gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED (None): C 9, Ind 9, L 7, Lab 3. Ind gain 1 from Lab, C gained 3 from Ind, 1 from L, L gained 1 from Ind, 1 from Lab, Lab gained 1 from Ind.
No change.

BEVERLEY (C): C 37, L 10, Lab 5, Ind 1. L gain 3 from C, Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

BLACKPOOL (C): C 32, Lab 9, L 3. C gain 3 from L and 1 from SDP, L gain 1 from C.
No change.

CORBY (Lab): Lab 21, C 3 (3 vacant). Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

CARADON (Ind): C 5, Lab 1, L 2, R 2, Ind 31. C gain 5 from Ind, L gain 2 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Mebyon Kernow.
No change.

COLCHESTER (C): C 13, Lab 3, L 2, SDP 1, Others 1, C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council C 36, Lab 14, L 3, SDP 3, Ind 1, Others 3.
No change.

CHESTERFIELD (Lab): Lab 38, C 9. Lab gain 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from L.
No change.

CREWE AND NANTWICH (None): C 10, Lab 8, SDP 1, L 1. L gain 1 from Lab, C gain 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 26, C 26, L 3, SDP 2.
No change.

CHORLEY (None): Lab 8, C 7, SDP 1. Lab gain 2 from C, C gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 22, C 22, SDP 1, Ind 2.
No change.

CONGELTON (None): C 9, L 5, Lab 1. L gain 2 from Lab and 1 from Ind, C gained 1 from Lab. New council: C 23, L 15, Lab 6, Ind 1.
C gain control

CRAWLEY (Lab): Lab 7, C 9. Bountary changes. New council: lab 20, C 12.
No change.

CRAVEN (C): C 8, L 3, Ind 1, Lab 1. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Ind, L gain 1 from C. New council: C 19, Lab 2, L 8, SDP 1, Ind 4.
No change.

CAMBRIDGE (None): Lab 7, C 4, L 3. L gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: C12, Lab 21, L 7, SDP 2.
No change.

CLEETHORPES (None): C 14, Lab 8, L 8, Ind 11. C gain 2 from Lab, L gain 2 from Lab and 1 from C, Ind gain 2 from Lab.
No change.

CHELTENHAM (None): C 16, L 12, Ind 4, Lab 1. Boundary change.
No change.

CHERWELL (C): C 13, Lab 6, SDP 1. C gain 2 from Ind. New council: C 32, Lab 16, SDP 2, Ind 1, L 1.
No change.

S CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Ind): C 2, L 2, Ind 14. L gain 1 from Ind. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 2, C 4, L 5, Ind 44
No change.

CHELMSFORD (C): L 28, SDP 3, C 26, Ind 3. L gain 8 from C and 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from C.
Alliance takes control.

CARLISLE (Lab): Lab 27, C 22, L 1, Ind 1. Boundary change.
No change.

CHICHESTER (C): C 27, L 13, Ind 8, R 2. C gain 1 from L, 2 from Ind, L gain 1 from C, 1 from R, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

COPELAND (Lab): C 17, Lab 29, L 1, Others 4. C gain 2 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Lab): Lab 23, Ind 5, L 4, C 1. Lab gain 3 from L, Ind gain 1 from L, C gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

COTSWOLD (No overall control): Others 22, C 10, Ind 7, L 4, Lab 1. C gain 2 from Ind, 1 from L, 1 from Lab, 1 from Others, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from L.
No change.

CHRISTCHURCH (C): C 15, Ind 7, lab 3. C gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

CANTERBURY (C): C 37, Lab 7, L 3, Ind 2. Lab gain 1 from C, 1 from Ind and 1 from SDP, C gain 2 from R, 2 from Lab and 4 from Ind, L gain 1 from Lab and 2 from C.
No change.

CASTLE POINT (C): C 38, Lab 1. C gain 1 from L and 1 from Ind.
No change.

CASTLE MORPETH (None): C 7, Lab 2, L 4; SDP 6, Ind 13, Others 2. C gain 1 from L, L gain 3 from Lab, 1 from Ind, SDP gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

CANNOCK CHASE (None): Lab 5, L 6, C 2, Ind 1. L gain 3 from C. New council: Lab 19, L 15, SDP 1, C 6, Ind 1.
No change.

CHESTER (C): C 10, Lab 5, L 4, Ind 1. C gain 1 from Ind, Lib gain 1 from C. New council: C 37, Lab 14, L 8, Ind 1.
No change.

CARRICK (C): C 22, Ind 10, Lab 1, L 11, SDP 1, L gained 2 from C and 2 from Ind, SDP gained 1 from Lab.
C lose control.

DURHAM (None): Lab 27, Ind 10, L 5, SDP 4, C 2, Ind Lab 1. Lab gain 2 from Ind, 1 from SDP.
Lab gain control.

DACORUM (C): C 36, Lab 17, Ind 2, SDP 2, L 1. C gain 3 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from SDP, L gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab.
No change.

DERWENTSIDE (Lab): Lab 36, C 4, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 12. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from Ind.
No change.

DARTFORD (C): C 26, Lab 16, R 3. C gain 3 from Lab, R gain 3 from Lab.
No change.

DARLINGTON (Lab): Lab 27, C 20, Ind 3, L 1, SDP 1. Lab gain 1 from Ind, 1 from SDP, C gain 4 from Lab, 1 from SDP, 1 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

DOVER (C): C 39, Lab 17. C gain 3 from Lab, 2 from Ind.
No change.

DAVENTRY (None): C 8, Lab 3, Ind 2. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 18, Lab 8, Ind 6, SDP 1, L 1, Others.
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No change.

DERBY (Lab): Lab 8, C 6, L 1. C gain 1 from Lab, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 25, C 18, L 1.
No change.

EDEN (Ind): Ind 37.
No change.

EPPING FOREST (C): C 12, Lab 5, Res 1, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from C, Res gain 1 from C. New council: C 39, Lab 13, Ind 3, Res 4.
No change.

ELMBRIDGE (C): C 13, R 7, Lab 1, L 1. C gain 1 from R, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 34, R 17, Lab 5, L 4.
No change.

ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON (Lab): Lab 10, C 4. New council: Lab 28, C 13.
No change.

EASINGTON (Lab): Lab 34, L 7, SDP 2, Ind Lab 2, Ind 6. Lab gain 2 from L, 1 from SDP, and 1 from Ind Lab, L gain 2 from Lab, Ind gain 1 from Lab.
No change.

EASTBOURNE (C): C 6, L 4. C gain 1 from L, L gain 1 from C. New council: C 18, L 11, Lab 1.
No change.

EPSOM & EWELL (Res): Res 33, Lab 3, L 2, SDP 1. Res gain 2 from L, L gain 1 from Res, SDP gain 1 from Res.
No change.

EREWASH (C): C 28, Lab 20, Ind 2, Ind Lab 1. Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from Ind, 1 from L, C gain 1 from Lab.
No change.

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE (None): Lab 1, C 3, L 1, Ind 3, Others 29. Boundary changes.
No change.

EAST YORKSHIRE (C): C 29, Ind C 1, Lab 2, L 1, Ind 10. Ind gained 1 from C.
No change.

EAST HAMPSHIRE (C): C 30, Ind 7, L 5. L gain 4 from C, C gain 3 from L, and 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

EAST LINDSEY (Ind): Ind 39, C 11, L 7, Lab 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

EASTLEIGH (C): Lab 3, C 7, L 5. L gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, L gain 1 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 11, L 11.
C lose control.

FOREST HEATH (C): C 11, Lab 2, SDP 1, Ind 10, R 1. Lab gain 2 from C, SDP gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab, 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C, R gain 1 from C.
C lost overall majority.

FOREST OF DEAN (None): Lab 21, Ind 19, C 4, L 3, SDP 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

FYLDE (C): C 26, R 11, Ind 9, L 2, Lab 1. R gain 1 from C and 2 from L.
No change.

FENLAND (C): C 19, Lab 8, L 4, SDP 2, Ind 7. L gain 2 from C, 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Ind, 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C.
C lose control.

FAREHAM (C): C 10, L 2, SDP 1, Res 1. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Res, SDP gain 1 from Lab, L gain 1 from C, Res gain 1 from C. New council: C 27, Lab 3, L 4, SDP 4, Res 4.
No change.

GOSPORT (C): C 9, L1. C gain 2 from Lab, 1 from R and 1 from Ind, L gain 1 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 3, L 2, R 2, Ind 1.
No change.

GLOUCESTER (C): C 6, Lab 4, L 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from SDP. C 17, Lab 11, L 5.
No change.

GREAT GRIMSBY (Lab): C 7, Lab 6, L 1, Ind 1. C gain 2 from Lab, L gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 22, C 18, L 2, SDP 2, Ind 1.
Lab lose control

GILLINGHAM (C): C 8, Lab 2, L 4. L gain 2 from C, 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, Lab 8, L10.
No change.

GUILDFORD (C): C 31, Lab 6, L 7, Ind 1. L gain 4 from C, C gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

GREAT YARMOUTH (None): C 10, Lab 6. C gain 2 from Lab, 1 from L. New council: C 25, Lab 18, L 4 (one vacant).
C gain control.

GEDLING (C): C 40, Lab 8, L 4, SDP 1, Ind 2. L gain 3 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab.
No change.

GRAVESHAM (C): C 23, Lab 20, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from SDP.
No change.

GLANFORD (C): C 22, L 1, SDP 1, Lab 2, Ind 15. Lab gain 1 from SDP, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

HORSHAM (C): C 35, L 2, Ind 5. Boundary changes.
No change

HIGH PEAK (C): C 19, Lab 14, L 3, Ind 7, R 1. C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 5 from C, Ind gain 3 from C.
C lose control.

HOLDERNESS (Ind): Ind 25, C 3, vacancies 3. Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

HAMBLETON (Ind): Ind 29, C 13, Lab 3, SDP 1 (1 vacant). C gain 2 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from L.
No change.

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH (C): C 28, Lab 3, L 3. C gain 1 from SDP.
No change.

N HERTFORDSHIRE (C): C 11, Lab 4, SDP 1, R 1. Lab gain 1 from C, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: C 33, Lab 15, SDP 1, R 1.
No change.

HEREFORD (L): L 4, C 2, Lab 1, Ind 2. L gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from L. New council: L 15, C 5, Lab 4, Ind 3.
No change.

HASTINGS (None): C 5, L 3, Lab 3. L gain 1 from C, Lab gain 2 from L. New council: C 12, L 9, Lab 9, Ind 2.
No change.

HARTLEPOOL (Lab): Lab 14, C 4. New council: Lab 34, C 11, Ind 2.
No change.

HAVANT (C): C 7, Lab 2, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, R 1. L gain 1 from C, R gain 1 from C. New council: C 25, Lab 9, L 3, SDP 1, Ind 2, R 2.
No change.

HART (C): L 5, Ind 4, C 3, SDP 1. L gain 1 from Ind and 2 from C, Ind gain 2 from C. New council: C 14, L 10, Ind 10, SDP 1.
C lost control.

HALTON (Lab): Lab 12, C 3, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 35, C 8, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 2.
No change.

HARLOW (Lab): Lab 10, C 2, L 2. Lab gain 1 from L, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, C 3, L 4, Ind 1.
No change.

HERTSMERE (C): Lab 7, C 6, L 1. C 21, Lab 12, L 5, SDP 1.
No change.

HYNDBURN (Lab): Lab 5, C 10, SDP 1. SDP gain 1 from Lab. Lab 25, C 20, SDP 1, L 1.
no change.

HUNTINGDON (C): C 14, Lab 2, Ind 2, SDP 1. C gain 3 from Ind and Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 37, Lab 8, L 1, Ind 6.
No change.

HARBOROUGH (C): C 23, Ind 10, Lab 2, L 2. C gain 1 from L; Lab gain 1 from L, Ind gained 1 from L.
No change.

HOVE (C): C 24, Lab 3, L 2, Ind 1. Ind gain 1 from C, L gain 2 from C.
No change.

HARROGATE (C): C 44, Lab 1, Ind 9, L 4, SDP 1, Whig 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

IPSWICH (Lab): Lab 9, C 7. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 31, C 17.
No change.

KETTERING (C): C 23, Lab 12, L 2; SDP 1, Ind 7. C gain 2 from L, SDP gain 1 from C, Lab gain 4 from Ind.
No change.

KINGSWOOD (None): C 25, Lab 18, Ind 2, L 2. C gain 6 from Lab, 1 from L, Lab gain 2 from C, Ind gain 1 from C.
C gain control.

KENNET (Ind): Ind 24, C 10, L 4, SDP 2. C gain 3 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C.
No change.

KINGSTON ON HULL (Lab): Lab 49, C 11. Boundary changes.
No change.

KERRIER (None): Ind 18, C 17, Lab 5, SDP 3, Mebyon Kernow 1. Lab gain 1 from Ind and 2 from C, SDP gain 1 from C.
No change.

KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK (C): C 42, Lab 15, Ind 2, SDP 1. SDP gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C.
No change.

LEICESTER (Lab): Lab 40, C 16. Boundary changes.
No change.

LANCASTER (C): C 36, Lab 15, L 6, Ind 3. Lab gain 4 from C and 1 from SDP, C gain 5 from Lab, L gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

LANCASHIRE (C): C 12, Lab 7, Ind 2. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 31, Lab 20, Ind 3.
No change.

LINCOLN (Lab): Lab 8, C 3. Lab gain 3 from C. New council: Lab 23, C 10.
No change.

LUTON (C): C 25, Lab 17, L 6. C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C, L gain 6 from C.
No change.

LEOMINSTER (Ind): L gain 2 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 24, L 6, C 3, SDP 2, Lab 1.
No change.

LEWES (C): C 39, Ind 5, L 4. Boundary changes.
No change.

LANGBAURGH (Lab): Lab 31, C 29. C gain 3 from Lab, 3 from R and 2 from Ind, Lab gained 1 from SDP and 1 from C.
No change.

LICHFIELD (C): C 38, Lab 15, Ind 2, Unofficial C 1. C gained 3 from Lab, Unofficial C gained 1 from C, Ind gained 1 from C.
No change.

MELTON (C): C 17, L 2, Ind 7. Ind gain 3 from C, Gain 3 from L.
No change.

MID BEDFORDSHIRE (C): C 26, Ind 20, Lab 7. C gain 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

MID SUFFOLK (None): C 19, Ind 14, Lab 6, L 1. C gain 3 from Ind, 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

MANSFIELD (Lab): Lab 38, C 5, SDP 3. SDP gain 2 from C.
No change.

MENDIP (Ind): C 25, Ind 11, Lab 4, SDP 3. C gain 2 from Lab, 10 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from C, 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C, 1 from L.
C gain control

MID DEVON (Ind): Ind 30, L 9, SDP 1. L gain 4 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

MACCLESFIELD (C): C 14, Lab 2, L 1, Ind 4. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from R, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 37, Lab 7, L 4, SDP 1, Ind 8, R 3.
No change.

MILTON KEYNES (None): C 7, Lab 5, L 1, SDP 2, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from Ind and 1 from SDP, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: C 20, Lab 18, L 5, SDP 2, Ind 1.
No change.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Lab): Lab 35, C 16, L 1, Ind 1. Lab gain 3 from C, 1 from L and 1 from SDP.
No change.

MOLE VALLEY (None): Ind 7, C 6, L 1. L gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 20, C 15, L 5, Lab 1.
No change.

MONTGOMERY (Ind): C 1, Lab 1, L 3, Ind 42, PC 2. C gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from PC.
No change.

MAIDSTONE (C): C 9, L 6, Lab 3, Ind 1. L gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. New council: C 27, L 16, Lab 8, Ind 3, SDP 1.
C lost control.

MEDINA (L): L 20, C 10, Ind 5, SDP 1. C gain 2 from L, L gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

MID SUSSEX (C): C 43, SDP 5, Ind 6. C gain 6 from Ind, SDP gain 3 from L.
No change.

NEW FOREST (C): C 41, Ind 12, L 4, Lab 1. C gain 11 from Ind, 2 from L and 1 from Lab, L gained 1 from Ind and 1 from C, Lab gained 1 from C, Ind gain 2 from C.
No change

N W LEICESTERSHIRE (Lab): Lab 18, C 12, Ind 6, L 3, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
Lab lose overall control.

NORTHAVON (C): C 34, Lab 10, L 7, SDP 2, Ind 2 (2 vacancies). SDP gain 2 from C, L gain 2 from C and 2 from Lab.
No change.

NEWARK (None): C 25, Lab 25, Ind 3, Ind Lab 1, L 2. L gain 1 from Ind and one from C, C gain 2 from Lab and 1 from Ind, Ind Lab gain 1 from Lab.
No change.

E NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (C): C 30, Lab 6. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

NOTTINGHAM (Lab): Lab 28, C 27. C gain 5 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C.
No change.

NORTH DORSET (Ind): Ind 25, L 6, C 2. Boundary change.
No change.

NORTH SHROPSHIRE (Ind): C 5, L 1, Ind 33, Ind C 1. Ind gain 1 from C and 1 from L.
No change.

NORWICH (Lab): Lab 12, C 3, L 1. L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 37, C 9, L 2.
No change.

NORTH DEVON (none): C 9, Lab 1, L 8, N Devon Movement 4, Ind 22. L gain 2a from N Devon Movement, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

NORTH WILTSHIRE (C): C 36, L 10, Lab 3, Ind 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

NEWBURY (C): C 35, L 10. Boundary changes.
No change.

NORTH CORNWALL (Ind): Ind 32, L 5, C 1. Ind gain 2 from L.
No change.

NORTH KESTEVEN (Ind): Ind 23, C 12, Lab 2, L 2. C gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME (Lab): Lab 14, C 4, L 1, Ind C 1. Lab gain 2 from C. New council: lab 33, C 8, L 5, SDP 1, Ind 1, Ind C 2.
No change.

NEWARK (None): C 25, Lab 25, Ind 3, Ind Lab 1, L 2. L gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH (Lab): Lab 11, C 4. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 33, C 10, L 2.
No change.

NORTHAMPTON (C): C 21, Lab 18, L 4. Lab gain 3 from C and 3 from SDP, L gain 3 from C and 1 from Lab.
C lose control.

OSWESTRY (Ind): Ind 18, C 3, Lab 2, L 4, SDP 1 (1 vacant). Ind gain 1 from C, L gain 1 from Ind, 1 from Lab.
No change.

OADBY AND WIGSTON (C): C 7, L 1. C gain 1 from L. L gain 1 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 1, L 3.
No change.

OXFORD (Lab): Lab 9, C 5, L 1. Lab gain 2 from C, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 28, C 15, L 2.
No change

POOLE (C): C 27, L 8, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

PENWITH (Ind): C 2, Lab 1, Ind 10. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 5, Lab 1, L 2, Ind 25, Others 1.
No change.

PLYMOUTH (C): C 33, Lab 24, Ind C 3. C gain 3 from Lab and 1 vacant seat, Ind C gain 2 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP.
No change.

PORTSMOUTH (C): C 25, Lab 11, Ind 2, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

PETERBOROUGH (None): C 7, Lab 7, L 3. L gain 2 from C. New council: C 18, Lab 23, L 6, SDP 1.
No change.

PENDLE (None): Lab 7, L 5, C 5. L gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 19, L 17, C 14, Ind 1.
No change.

PURBECK (None): C 3, L 1, Ind 2, R 1. C gain 1 from R, L gain 1 from C. New council: C 7, L 2, Ind 10, R 3.
No change.

PRESTON (Lab): Lab 11, C 7, L 1. New council: C 24, Lab 30, L 3.
No change.

PENDLE (None): Lab 7, L 5, C 5. L gain 1 from Lab gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 19, L 17, C 14, Ind 1.
No change.

ROCHESTER-UPON-MEDWAY (C): C 27, Lab 22, Ind 1. Lab gain 4 from C, C gain 1 from Ind C, 1 from Ind and 2 from Lab.
No change.

RIBBLE VALLEY (C): C 32, Lab 2, SDP 1, Ind 3. C gain 7 from Ind and, 1 from SDP.
No change.

ROTHER (C): C 25, Lab 3, L 4, Ind 9, R 4. L gained 3 from C, C gain 1 from Lab, 1 from R, 1 from Ind.
No change.

RYEDALE (None): C 10, L 7, SDP 2, Lab 1, Others 22. Boundary changes.
No change.

READING (None): C 26, Lab 13, L 6. Boundary changes.
C gain control.

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD (C): C 15, Lab 3. New council: C 38, Lab 11.
No change

RICHMONDSHIRE (Ind): Ind 30, L 2, SDP 1, one vacant. L gain 2 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

ROSSENDALE (C): C 6, Lab 6, Ind 1. Lab gain 4 from C, Lab gain 1 from L, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 19, Lab 14, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 1.
No change.

RUSHMOOR (C): C 14, Lab 2. C gain 2 from L, C gain 2 from Res, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 29, Lab 10, L 5, Res 1.
No change.

RESTORMEL (Ind): Ind 25, L 11, C 6, Lab 1, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

ROCHFORD (C): C 9, L 4. C gain 2 from Ind, L gain 2 from C. New council: C 28, Lab 2, L 7, Ind 3.
No change.

REDDITCH (C): Lab 17, C 9, Ind 3. Boundary changes.
Lab gain control.

RUTLAND (Ind): Ind 13, C 4, L 3. C gain 2 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

RUNNYMEDE (C): C 15, Lab 1, R 1. C gain 1 from SDP and 1 from Ind. C 32, Lab 6, L 1, R 3.
No change.

RUSHCLIFFE (C): C 51, Lab 2, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from C.
No change.

RUGBY (C): C 9, Lab 5, R 3. C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, R gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, Lab 15, R 6, Ind 2, L 1.
No change.

SLOUGH (C): Lab 21, C 15, L 3. Boundary changes.
Lab gain control.

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS (None): C 22, Lab 13, Ind 8, R 1, Others 12. C gain 1 from Lab and 2 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Others.
No change.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON (C): C 15, L 1, Ind 4. C gain 1 from Ind. New Council: C 36, Ind 12, Lab 3, L 4.
No change.

SOUTH NORFOLK (C): C 34, SDP 2, L 3, Ind 7, Lab 1. C gain 6 from Ind, 1 from Lab, L gain 2 from C, SDP gain 2 from C.
No change.

SOUTH KESTEVEN (None): C 31, Lab 10, Ind 10, L 6. C gain 6 from Ind and 1 from L, L gain 4 from C and 2 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C.
C gain control.

SCARBOROUGH (C): C 22, Ind 14, Lab 8, SDP 3, L 2. Ind gain 4 from C and 1 from Lab, C gain 1 from SDP, 1 from Lab, and 1 from L, Lab gain 2 from C, SDP gain 2 from C.
C lost overall control.

SURREY HEATH (C): C 36. C gain 1 from SDP.
No change.

ST ALBANS (C): C 12, Lab 3, L 3, SDP 1, Ind 1. C gain 1 from Ind and 1 from L, L gain 1 from C, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 30, Lab 9, L 13, SDP 4, Ind 1.
No change.

SALFORD (Lab): Lab 18, C 2. Lab gain 2 from C, and 1 from L. New council: Lab 47, C 11, L 1, SDP 1.
No change.

SOUTH HAMS (None): C 25, L 4, Ind 5, Others 10. C gain 19 from Ind, L gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C.
C gain control.

SPELTHORNE (C): C 36, Lab 4. Lab gain 2 from C.
No change.

SOUTH WIGHT (None): C 13, L 4, Ind 7. C gain 3 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from L.
C gain control.

SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM (C): C 9, Lab 5, L 2. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, Lab 15, L 6, Ind 3.
No change.

SALISBURY (None): C 25, Ind 14, L 9, R 5, Lab 4, SDP 1. C gain 5 from Ind and 1 from L, L gain 2 from C, 1 from Lab, and 1 from R, Lab gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 2 from C, 2 from SDP, and 1 from L.
No change.

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE (C): C 37, Lab 7, Ind 6, L 3, SDP 1, Ind C 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE (C): C 35, Ind 3, Lab 3, L 3, Ind C 5, Ind Lab 1, Christian Action 1. C gain 1 from Ind, 1 from Christian Action, 1 from L, Ind gain 1 from Lab, L gain 2 from C.
No change.

SELBY (C): C 28, Ind 12, Lab 10. C gain one from SDP and one from Ind.
No change.

STAFFORD (None): C 20, Lab 19, L 6, Ind 15. L gain 3 from C, Lab gain 1 from C.
No change.

SOUTH HOLLAND (Ind): Ind 25, C 11, SDP 2. SDP gain 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

SUFFOLK COASTAL (C): C 44, Ind 5, Lab 2, Others 4. C gain 1 from Ind, 4 from Others.
No change.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE (Lab): Lab 18, C 6, L 2, Ind 8. Lab gain 1 from C.
No change.

SOUTH RIBBLE (C): C 39, Lab 11, L 4. L gain 2 from Lab, 1 from C, Lab gain 3 from C.
No change.

SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE (C): C 15, Lab 3. C gain 1 from Ind, 1 from L. New council: C 38, Lab 10, L 4, Ind 1.
No change.

SHEPWAY (C): C 30, L 17, Lab 2, Ind 7. L gain 7 from C and 2 from Lab, C gain 2 from Lab.
No change.

SEDGEFIELD (Lab): Lab 40, SDP 4, C 2, Others 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

STROUD (C): C 30, Ind 13, Lab 7, L 6. Boundary changes.
No change.

STOCKTON ON TEES (Lab): Lab 28, C 26, SDP1. C gain 3 from Lab, 1 from L, 1 from SDP.
No change

SOUTH BUCKS (C): C 32, Ind 8, L 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

SOUTHAMPTON (C): C 8, Lab 6, L 1. Lab gain one from SDP and 2 from C, C gain one from Lab, L gain one from C. New council: C 23, Lab 21, L 1.
No change.

SWALE (C): C 15, Lab 2, SDP 2, L 1. C gain 3 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 31, Lab 13, SDP 2, L 2, Others 1.
No change.

ST EDMUNDSBURY (C): C 30, Lab 9, L 3, Ind 2. Lab gain 2 from C, L gain 2 from C, C gain 2 from Ind and 1 from Lab.
No change.

E STAFFORDSHIRE (None): C 23, Lab 21, L 2. Lab gain 4 from C, 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab, 2 from Ind, L gain 1 from Lab, 1 from Ind.
No change.

SEDGEMOOR (C): C 27, Lab 11, Ind 6, L 4, SDP 1. C gain 2 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab, L gain 2 from C.
No change.

STEVENAGE (Lab): C 1, Lab 9, L 2, SDP 1. SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 2, Lab 27, L 5, SDP 5.
No change.

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (C): C 27, Ind 10, Lab 3, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

SOUTH LAKELAND (None): C 11, Ind 5, Lab 1, SDP 1, L 2. C gain 2 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 23, Ind 18, L 7, Lab 3, SDP 1.
No change.

SCUNTHORPE (Lab): Lab 9, C 3, SDP 1. Lab gain 1 from L, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 26, C 7, SDP 5, L 3.
No change.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA (C): C 10, L 3. C gain 2 from Lab. New council: C 27, Lab 3, L 9.
No change.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Lab): Lab 20, C 1. New council: Lab 57, C 3.
No change.

THANET (C): C 28, Ind 16, Lab 8, L 1, SDP 1. C gain 5 from Ind and 1 from L, Ind gain 6 from C, Lab gain 3 from C, L gain 1 from C.
No change.

TEWKESBURY (None): Ind 29, C 13, SDP 2 (1 vacant). Boundary changes.
No change.

TAMWORTH (None): C 7, Lab 2. C gain 2 from Ind, 1 from Lab. New council: C 15, Lab 12.
C gain control.

TYNEDALE (None): Ind 16, C 12, L 12, Lab 7. L gain 2 from Ind and 1 from Lab, C gain 4 from Ind, Ind gain 2 from Lab and 2 from C.
No change.

THE WREKIN (Lab): C 7, Lab 33, Ind 6. Lab gain 3 from C, 3 from Ind and 1 from L.
No change.

TENDRING (C): C 32, Lab 8, L 7, SDP 1, Ind 4, Others 8. C gain 3 from L, 1 from SDP, Lab gain 1 from L, 1 from C, 1 from Ind, L gain 1 from C, Others gained 1 from L, 3 from C.
No change.

TEST VALLEY (C): C 34, Lab 1, L 4, Ind 5. C gain 2 from L, Ind gain 1 from C, L gain 2 from Lab.
No change.

TEIGNBRIDGE (None): C 19, Lab 3, L 5, Ind 31. Ind gain 2 from C and 1 from SDP.
Ind gain control.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (C): C 15, SDP 1, L 1, Ind 1. SDP gain 1 from C, L gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab and 2 from Ind. New council: C 43, L 2, SDP 1, Lab 1.
No change.

TANDRIDGE (C): C 14. C gain 1 from L. New council: C 37, Lab 2, L 2, Ind 1.
No change.

TEESDALE (Ind): Ind 28, Lab 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

TONBRIDGE & MALLING (C): C 11, L 4, Lab 2, Ind 1. L gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 36, Lab 5, L 9, Ind 2.
No change.

THAMESDOWN (Lab): Lab 9, C 7, Ind 1. C gain 2 from Lab. New council: Lab 30, C 16, L 2, Ind 1.
No change.

THURROCK (Lab): Lab 8, C 5, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 23, C 10, SDP 1, Ind 5.
No change.

TORBAY (C): C 34, Ind 1, R gain 1 from C, C gain 2 from L, Ind gain 1 from L.
No change.

TORRIDGE (Ind): Ind 28, C 3, L 3, Lab 1, 1 vacant. C gain 1 from L and 1 from Ind.
No change.

TAUNTON DEANE (C): C 32, Lab 10, SDP 1, Ind 6. C gain 1 from Lab, 4 from Ind and 1 from SDP, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

THREE RIVERS (C): C 9, Lab 5, L 4. L gain 1 from C. New council: C 26, Lab 9, L 11, SDP 1.
No change.

UTTLESFORD (C): C 28, L 6, Lab 1, Ind 7. L gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Ind and 1 from Lab.
No change.

VALE ROYAL (None): C 30, Lab 22, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 6. C gain 4 from L, 1 from SDP and 2 from Ind; Lab gain 1 from Ind, 1 from C and 1 from SDP; L gain 1 from Ind; Ind gain 2 from C.
No change.

WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND (None): C 5, Lab 6, ratepayers 1. Lab gained 2 from R, C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 16, Lab 12, Ind 3, R 4.
No change.

WATFORD (Lab): Lab 7, C 5. New council: Lab 23, C 13.
No change.

WANSDYKE (C): C 33, Lab 11, Ind 3. C gain 6 from Lab, and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD (C): C 48, L 6, R 3, Ind 1. L gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab.
No change.

WEST WILTSHIRE (C): C 33, Lab 4, L 2, SDP 2, Ind 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

WELLINGBOROUGH (C): C 18, Lab [illegible] L [illegible], Ind 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

WARWICK (C): C 31, Lab 7, L 4, Whitnash R 3. Boundary changes.
No change.

WYCHAVON (Ind): Ind 22, C 17, L 5, Lab 3, SDP 1 (1 vacant seat). C gain 1 from Ind, L gain 3 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Others.

WAVENEY (C): C 27, Lab 17, L 2, Ind 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

WEALDEN (C): C 48, SDP 2, Ind 2, Others 6. Boundary changes.
No changes.

WORCESTER (Lab): Lab 5, C 8. C gained 3 from Lab. New council: Lab 18, C 18.
Lab lose overall control

WOKING (C): Lab 3, C 7, L 3. L gain 2 from C. New council: C 21, Lab 8, L 6.
No change.

WEST LINDSEY (None): Lab 1, L 3, Ind 6, C 4. C gain 1 from L. New council: C 10, Lab 2, L 10, SDP 1, Ind 14.
No change.

WEST SOMERSET (Ind): Ind 27, C 4, SDP 1. C gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

WYCOMBE (C): C 50, Lab 6, Ind 3, L 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

WINCHESTER (C): C 17, Lab 1, Ind 1. C gain 3 from Ind. New council: C 35, Ind 8, Lab 5, SDP 1 (1 vacant).
No change.

WYRE FOREST (None): C 8, L 4, Lab 2. C gain 2 from L, Lab gain 1 from L. New council: C 18, L 14, Lab 7, Ind 3.
No change.

WOODSPRING (C): C 16, Lab 1, L 1, Ind 2. New council: C 47, Lab 4, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 5.
No change.

WEST DERBYSHIRE (C): C 27, L 5, Lab 2, Ind 4 (one vacant). C gain 4 from L and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

WELWYN HATFIELD (Lab): C 9, Lab 7. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 19, Lab 24.
No change.

WEST DEVON (Ind): Ind 19, C 10, L 1. C gain 2 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

WORTHING (C): C 24, L 12. Boundary changes.
No change.

WANSBECK (Lab): Lab 35, L 10, Ind 1. L gain 6 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP.
No change.

WOKINGHAM (C): C 16, L 2. New council: C 46, L 7, Lab 1.
No change.

WARRINGTON (Lab): Lab 36, C 22, SDP 2. Lab gain 5 from C and 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from SDP.
No change.

WAVERLEY (C): C 46, Lab 2, Ind 5, L 4. Boundary change.
No change.

WEAR VALLEY (Lab): Lab 28, Ind 5, C 3, L 2, People's Rep 1, People before pol 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

WEST DORSET (Ind): Ind 33, C 12, L 7, Lab 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

WIMBORNE (C): C 27, L 3, SDP 1, Ind 3, R 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

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Big parties notch up successes



WYRE (C): C 46, Lab 8, L 2. C gain 2 from Ind, 3 from SDP, 1 from Lab and 1 from L; Lab gain 1 from C and 2 from SDP.
No change.

YEOVIL (None): C 20, Lab 1, L 24, SDP 3, Ind 12. L gain 5 from C, 2 from Ind, SDP gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

YORK (None): C 7, Lab 6, L 2. C gain 1 from L, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 18, Lab 17, L 10.
No change.

Welsh districts

ALYN AND DEESIDE (None): Lab 22, C 13, SDP 4, Ind 4, R 1, L 1. Lab gain 1 from L, 1 from R and 1 from C, C gain 1 from R and 1 from L, SDP gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

ABERCONWY (Ind): Ind 21, C 12, L 7, Lab 1. L gain 2 from C and 1 from Ind. Lab gained 1 from Ind.
No change.

ARFON (Ind): Lab 12, L 2, PC 11, Ind 15. PC gain 3 from Ind, Lab gain 3 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind.
Ind lose control.

AFAN (Lab): Lab 24, R 7. Boundary changes.
No change.

BRECKNOCK (Ind): Ind 33, Lab 16, L 1, 1 vacant. L gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

BLAENAU GWENT (Lab): Lab 37, PC 2, C 1, L 1, R 2, Ind Lab 3, Ind 4. Lab gain 3 from R, 1 from L and 1 from Ind.
No change.

COLWYN (None): L 12, C 10, Lab 1. Ind 9, R/Res 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

CYNON VALLEY (Lab): Lab 26, PC 6, Ind 5, Comm 1. PC gain 3 from Lab, Ind gain 3 from Lab.
No change.

CARDIFF (Lab): C 34, Lab 28, L 3. Boundary changes.
C gained control.

CARMARTHEN (Ind): Ind 28, Lab 6, L 2. L gain 1 from PC and 1 from Ind.
No change.

DINEFWR (Lab): Lab 17, Ind 11, PC 4. Lab gain one from Ind.
No change.

DWYFOR (None): PC 4, Ind 25.
No change.

DELYN (None): C 4, Lab 18, L 3, Ind 13, PC 2. Ind gain 1 from Lab and 1 from L.
No change.

GLYNDWR (Ind): Ind 31, Lab 2. Lab gain 1 from Ind.
No change.

LLANELLI (Lab): Lab 27, L 2, Ind 1. Lab gain 3 from Ind. Three seats remain to be decided at by-election because of death of a candidate.
No change.

MONMOUTH (C): C 26, Lab 7, L 2, Ind 4. C gain 4 rom Ind and 2 from Lab, L gain 2 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP and 1 from Ind, Ind gained 1 from C.
No change.

NEATH (Lab): Lab 29, PC 2, SDP 1, Ind 2. Boundary change.
No change.

NEWPORT (Lab): Lab 36, C 11. Boundary changes.
No change.

PRESELI (None): Ind 41, Lab 3. Lab gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

RADNOR (Ind): Ind 33. Boundary change.
No change.

RHONDDA (Lab): Lab 26, Ind 1, PC 2, R 4. Lab gain 1 from Comm, 1 from R. R gained 1 from Lab, PC *gain 1 from Lab.*
No change.

RHYMNEY VALLEY (Lab): Lab 34, PC 9, L 1, Ind 2, R 2. PC gained 1 from Lab, 2 from R.
No change.

RHUDDLAN (None): Ind 18, C 9, Lab 3, SDP 2, PC 2, Others 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

SWANSEA (Lab): Lab 33, C 16, Ind 1, R 1. C gain 2 from Ind.
No change.

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE (Ind): Ind 25, Lab 4. Lab gain 3 from Ind.
No change.

TORFAEN (Lab): Lab 32, C 1, Ind 10, Lab gain 2 from C, 2 from Ind and 2 from SDP.
No change.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN (C): C 32, Lab 10, Ind 2, PC 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

WREXHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10. Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.
No change.

YNYS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEY (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2. Ind gain 1 *from Lab.*
No change.

Late results

BRECKLAND (C): C 32, Lab 8, L 1, *Ind 12. C gain 3 from Ind, Lab gain* 2 from C, Ind gain 1 from C.
No change.

Determined independent rides back on 73% poll

By Ronald Faux

Few towns were hit by a more intensive campaign during the district elections than Flimby in West Cumpria, where 73 per cent of the voters turned out.

By rights and and all general election signs the small former mining town should be Labour but has been represented on the Allerdale District Council for 19 years by Mr John Renney, a determinedly independent Independent who was returned with an increased majority in spite of the fierce campaign by Labour to unseat him.

"not only did I Have the full weight of the socialist party machine working against me, I may be the only Independent councillor who had his own MP campaigning against him," Mr *Renney said yesterday.*

On top of that he faced high local unemployment and a Tory government in its fourth year. "Being Independent I am, of course branded as a Tory," he said. He firmly rejected such an idea, saying he was a "non-political fellow" who represented his ward without being dictated to by any political party.

"They pulled out every stop against me and failed. They must be very dejected today," The former council and finance committee chairman said.

Because of the political activity generated by Mr Renney's fight for survival in Flimby, quite as intensive as any general election, there was a high turnout.

The issues were also akin to a general election with unemployment and government restraints on council spending raised more often than local issues. The return of Mr Renney also means that Allerdale remains marginally controlled by an alliance of Independents and Tories.

Britain's Nato contribution praised

Carrington was the best, Schmidt says

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Lord Carrington was the best Western Foreign Minister of the late 1970s and early 1980s. Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor said in an article published yesterday. He said that Lord Carrington's recent lecture on Western relations with the Soviet Union was a "profound criticism of the political, economic and military medley" of the Atlantic alliance.

In his first article in *Die Zeit* since being made a co-publisher of the influential political weekly, Herr Schmidt, who is still one of West Germany's most popular politicians, praised Britain's important contribution to the Atlantic community.

Despite doubts over the Falklands War and Britain's claims for a rebate from the European Community, the country had contributed to Nato's political continuity, international experience, insight into a policy of the balance of forces and its demands and what Herr Schmidt called in English Britain's "commonsense".

Lord Carrington had again shown all these qualities in the Alastair Buchan Memorial Lecture. He had also, building on the until now overwhelmingly successful policy of peace and the indubitable military strength of the alliance, demanded a "positive political strategy in dealings with the Soviet Union". Herr Schmidt commented succinctly: "Quite right."

Herr Schmidt, who more than most statesmen was preoccupied with formulating Western relations with Moscow, distinguished three phrases of Western post-war policy, the last being the strategy of keeping up Western military strength while seeking cooperation and détente with the Soviet Union.

However he voiced strong criticism of the way this policy had been interpreted in practice, especially by recent American Administrations. Since 1975, he said, the hoped-for cooperation had become for many a dirty word (a phase he also used in English). "Since the beginning of the Carter Administration the consistency and continuity of joint Western strategy has begun to disappear, first slowly and then ever more quickly."

In acid asides Herr Schmidt spoke of America's new strategic thoughts, developed on its own, becoming almost the rule – the strategic understanding with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, in 1982 and what he called "space warfare" in 1983.

Herr Schmidt added: "A new disaster such as the Versailles Summit (no fault of the host) would mean that Williamsburg would be the last meeting of this kind."

He called for a new "grand strategy" of the West towards the East. Debate on it would last many years and would certainly not be decided before the 1984 American elections. But it had to be begun. The West needed in the 1980's a new all-embracing inner consistency

He called the Soviet SS-20 missiles, however, a clear violation of the 1972 Soviet-American declaration of principles and of the 1978 Soviet-German declaration. For this reason the Geneva arms talks were very important.



Lord Carrington: Positive political strategy.

Don't panic plea over submarine

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

As the Swedish Navy continued its hunt for two suspected Soviet midget submarines off the east coast city of Sundsvall, Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, appealed for calm at an international press conference in Stockholm.

"We should not panic," he said. "War is not about to start, but it is a serious infringement of our territorial rights and our reaction must be firm."

Mr Palme said that, as yet, the Navy had no proof that the submarines were from the Soviet Union. "I think we must be very careful not to blow this affair out of all proportion."

Meanwhile, Commander Tage Sjolander, naval press spokesman at the search headquarters in Sundsvall, said yesterday that divers had found no trace of a damaged or sunk midget submarine at the spot on the seabed where two mines were detonated on Wednesday.

Mr Palme said that in a meeting on Thursday with Mr Boris Pankin, Soviet Ambassador to Stockholm, he was given the official Soviet reaction to a Swedish protest last month against repeated submarine violations of waters.

Mr Pankin told him the Soviet Union denied making any such incursions and dscribed Swedish claims that it had done so as "unfriendly." Moscow viewed the Swedish protest with "deep displeasure." "He told me the Soviet Union always respected territorial integrity," Mr Palme said.

Air support: With a helicopter hovering overhead, a Swedish coastguard vessel continues the search

South Koreans may hold direct talks with China on hijack

From Our Correspondent, Seoul

South Korea is considering a proposal made by China yesterday for direct negotiations after the first successful hijacking of a Chinese airliner to a US air base in South Korea. Five Chinese men and one woman are in custody.

The South Korean news agency reported a strong likelihood that the Koreans would accept the Chinese proposal for negotiations, even though China and South Korea do not have diplomatic relations.

According to a report from the New China news agency, Mr Shen, Director-General of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, cabled his South Korean counterpart, Mr Kim Chol Yong, saying he wanted to come to Seoul to deal with the matter.

In Peking, the Chinese Foreign Ministry calling on the South Koreans to return the hijacked Trident said "armed terrorists" were responsible for seizing the aircraft during a scheduled internal flight from Shenyang to Shanghai.

"The Chinese side requests the South Korean authorities immediately to return the aircraft together will all the crew members and passengers and hand over the criminals that hijacked the airliner . . . in accordance with related articles of international civil aviation conventions," it added.

Seoul has said it will "handle the mainland Chinese passenger plane, crew and passengers . . . in accordance with the Hague Convention of the prevention of hajacking which both the Republic of Korea and mainland China have signed."

It was not clear, however, whether the South Korean authorities would hand over the hijackers if they asked for political asylum. After an abortive hijack attempt on a Chinese airliner last July, five Chinese youths were executed, one given a suspended death sentence and eight imprisoned.

After landing, the hijackers asked to see the Taiwanese ambassador. Although it has not been officially announced it is believed they were seeking asylum in Taiwan.

Cat-and-mouse game with Harare officer

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

One of seven officers of the *Zimbabwe Air Force detained* in connexion with the explosions which crippled the Air Force last July remains in custody although the state has *twice withdrawn charges against* him of involvwement in the sabotage operation.

The case of Lieutenant Nigel Lewis-Walker took a new turn on Tuesday when he was served with a new detention order related to the Thornhill attack, immediately after a state prosecutor had again withdrawn charges against him.

As the date approaches for the trial of the other six detained over the sabotage of a dozen Hawk and Hawker Hunter fighters on July 3 it has been confirmed that Mr Harry Ognall QC, who appeared for the Crown in the trial of Peter Sutcliffe, "the Yorkshire Ripper", will conduct their defence.

Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Slatter, Air Commodore Phillip Pile, Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, Wing Commander John Cox, Air Lieutenant Barrington Lloyd and Air *Lieutenant* Neville Weir, *are* due to come before the High Court on May 23.

Some of the officers are said in medical reports to have been *tortured.*

Lieutenant Lewis-Walker was detained at the same time but soon afterwards he was charged with possessing weapons of war, an offence which carries heavy penalties.

On April 22 before the magistrates in Gweru, where the officers have been held, Lieutenant Lewis-Walker's father told the court his son collected military equipment and used his collection in instruction courses at Thornhill, where he was based.

The officer was found guilty of a technical breach of the arms laws and fined $Z100 (£66), suspended for five years. The prosecution said the sabotage charge was being withdrawn but police thereupon served a detention order and Lieutenant Lewis-Walker returned to prison.

Turkish generals to face EEC wrath

Strasbourg (Reuter). – The European Commission of Human Rights will challenge the record of Turkey's military government in October, commission sources said yesterday.

The commission has been examining complaints lodged last year by France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands, alleging human rights violations in Turkey, including maltreatment of prisoners and restrictions on trade unions.

Diplomatic sources said that if the complaints were upheld the hearing could damage Turkey's relations with western Europe and embarrass General Kenan Evren, the Turkish leader, in the run-up to the first elections since he seized power in 1980.

● ANKARA: A total of 20,157 people were in Turkish prisons for terrorism-related crimes at the end of March, according to figures released by the Martial Law Coordination Centre here yesterday, Rasit Gurdilek writes.

The total includes 650 people kept in pre-trial custody, 12,307 undergoing trial in martial law courts and 7,200 serving sentences.

Dogu Perincek, the party chairman, and 27 other leading members of the banned Workers and Peasants Party of Turkey were sentenced to heavy jail terms by a military court here on Wednesday on charges of "striving to establish the dictatorship of one class over others", a legal formula applied to a wide range of Marxist activities.

● WASHINGTON: The Senate foreign relations committee has recommended the granting of $500m (£330m) in military aid to Greece and $715m to Turkey for the fiscal year 1984, AFP reports.

Botha gets a racial thumbs down

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

South Africa's proposed constitutional reforms, which for the first time would require whites to share some political power with other racial groups, *have come under sharp attack* from all points of the political compass.

Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, the leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party, which abstained in a division at the first reading on Thursday, said his party's worst fears had been confirmed.

The Constitution Bill, he said, would entrench the dominance of the ruling National Party, preserve existing discriminatory racial laws, and create a new executive president who would be "an autocratic ruler with extremely wide powers."

By far the most serious flaw *in the proposals, however, was* the exclusion of 21 million black Africans. No sensible constitutional development was possible "if 70 per cent of the people are excluded from participation in it," Dr Slabbert declared.

Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the far-right Conservative Party, which broke away from the National Party last year over the racial reforms, said the proposals would produce "a coalition government, with conflicting parties, conflicting groups of people and conflicting political goals, in which Indians and (mixed-race) Coloureds would rule over whites".

That was totally unacceptable, *he said. The Conservative* Party wanted the continuation of "separate development and full self-determination for whites where they can govern themselves in their own country without interference from other population groups."

Both Dr Slabbert and Dr Treurnicht were speaking on Thursday night at political campaign meetings in Transvaal during the final run-up to four crucial by-elections

The first reaction from the Labour Party, the main Coloured political organization, was more moderate. Its leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said the proposals did "not meet all our demands for the future" but they were at least "a departure from the status quo."

Under the proposals, the 2.7 million Coloureds and 850,000 Indians would be represented along with the country's 4.6 million whites in a parliament composed of three racially exclusive houses elected on separate voters' rolls.

Another prominent Coloured leader, the Rev Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, who is thought to represent a wider spread of Coloured opinion than Mr Hendrickse, saw no reason for optimism however, the Constitution Bill could change nothing and he was "entirely opposed to it."

The most daring aspect of the proposals is that the Cabinet, of which the new executive president would be chairman, would be chosen from all three racial groups. There is a formal sense, therefore, in which Coloureds and Indians could for the first time, in Dr Treurnicht's phrase, "rule over whites."

The system is rigged in such a way, however, that the majority party in the White House will determine who becomes president (the first one is likely to be the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha). It is the president who appoints ministers and gives final assent to legislation.

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Ban on pet sales at markets

COMMONS

A Bill to prohibit the sale of animals from barrows or stalls at street markets was one of three backbench measures which completed their passage *through the* Commons. As it has been through the Lords, it only now awaits royal assent. The other two Bills which have to go through the Lords concern small charities and solvent abuse in Scotland.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C), the sponsor in the Commons, said the Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill would rectify, not before time, a ridiculous situation. It had been a crying scandal that for many years there had been a loophole in the 1951 Act which banned the sale of animals from a street or public place but excepted a barrow or market stall.

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said much attention had been focused on the situation at Club Row, but after considering all the evidence the Government was satisfied fresh aspects had come to light in the last year that had proved decisive in deciding whether the measure should reach the statute book.

Miss Fookes, moving the third reading of the Bill, paid tribute to people who had formed unofficial vigilante committees and gone to market on Sundays to try to ensure that the best conditions possible were observed.

● The worries of trustees administering endowmwnts of as low as £5 and £10 a year would be eased by the Charities Bill which would allow such charities to be wound up and their assets disposed of, Sir Angus Maude (Stratford-on-Avon, C) said when moving the third reading.

The Bill was designed to allow a charity with a permanent endowment of less than £1,000 and which had been founded more than 40 years ago, to expend its propwerty without regard to restrictions distinguishing between capital and income. There would be no compulsion on the trustees to spend the money or to wind up the charity.

Scottish move against solvent abuse

Supportive and caring legislation would help solve the problem of glue sniffing by encouraging youngsters and their parents to seek help for their problems Mr David Marshall (Glasgow, Shettleston, Lab) said in successfully moving the third reading of the Solvent Abuse (Scotland) Bill. The Bill adds solvent abuse to the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to the conditions indicating the need for compulsory measures of care.

He said that although the Bill related only to Scotland that was no reason to delay. Legislation for England and Wales could follow.

A low key approach to the problem had failed.

Mr John Mackay, Under Secretary *of State for Scotland,* said at first sight banning sales of solvents to children was an attractive proposition but there were a number of difficulties.

However the common law was a more flexible instrument and two Glasgow shopkeepers had been charged at common law with culpably, wilfully and recklessly supplying solvents to children for the purposes of abuse. *The case was* sub judice.

Neighbourhood trusts

A Bill, moved by Lady Faithfull (C), to provide for the better use of parochial charities for the poor by their amalgamation into neighbourhood trusts, received a second reading in the House of Lords.

Councils warned not to back CND campaign

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Director General of Fair *Trading did not propose* to make Southwark Council's decision to blacklist contractors working at the Greenham Common missile base a subject of formal investigation, Lord Skelmersdale, a Government spokesman, told the House of Lords at question time.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) asked whether in view of the decision by the council of the *Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament* to intensify the campaign against Tarmac Ltd and other Government contractors at Greenham Common, the Government would indicate what legal and other measures it proposed to take to prevent local authorities from following Southwark's example.

Lord Skelmersdale replied: Local authorities shold be very careful as to their attitude to this campaign. It is quite wrong that political considerations of this kind should *affect decisions on contracts.*

Authorities taking such a course would lay themselves open to action in the courts for acting unreasonably by taking into account irrelevant or improper considerations. The Government will keep in view the question whether the remedies available to firms that are discriminated against are adequate.

Lord Harris of Greenwich: What is *represented here in the action of* Southwark and other local authorities is an abuse of power on a truly deplorable level. The Government has a duty to protect its own contractors and the employees of those contractors from arbitrary action by local authorities on the lines advocated by the CND.

Catching the music pirates

Britain had become Treasure Island for the thieves and pirates, Lord Willis (Lab) said when he successfully moved the second reading of *the Copyright (Amendment) (No 2)* Bill which, he said, would plug one or two loopholes in the law on copyright affecting records and music tapes.

It would, he said widen the scope of the law so that it covered record rental operations and also discourage manufacturers and distributors from offering machines which could be used for copying other peoples products and infringing copyright from being offered for sale to the public.

The great increase in piracy had made the need for action more urgent. The Bill was a modest measure designed to plug some of the more obvious loopholes which would help to staunch the blow of blood until more substantial remedies were available. There was a growing practice of private copying of records and films.

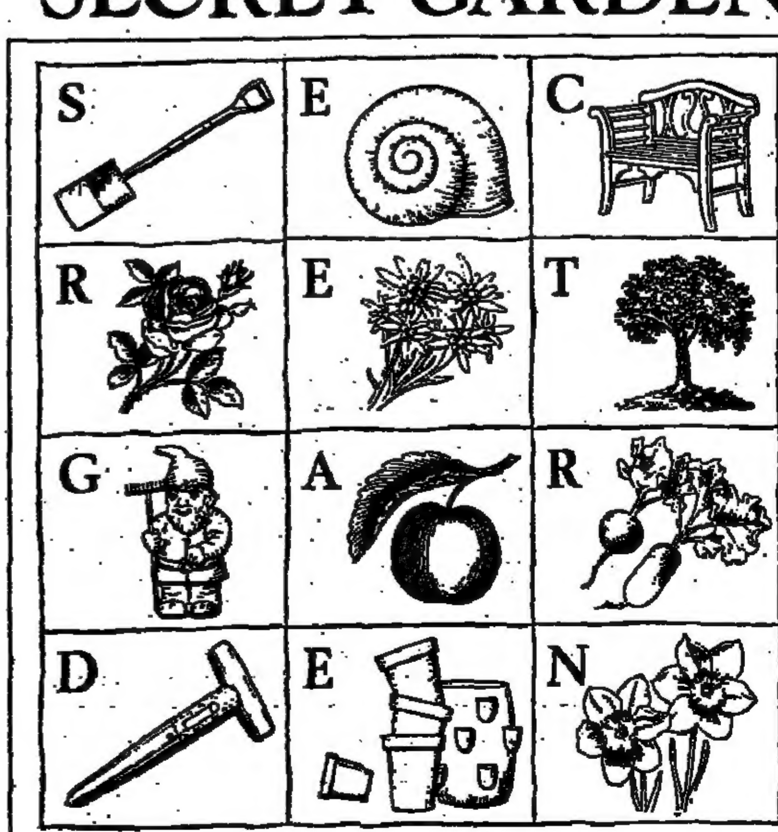
The music industry's latest estimate was that they were losing *£300m a year as a result of illegal* copying. The Bill would make it a little more difficult for the home taper and those who used record rental shops for the purposes of copying.

Lord Lyell, The Government spokesman, said the Government had serious reservations about the Bill.

We hope before too long (he said) that we shall be able to bring forward a comprehensive set of proposals for the reform and modernization of all aspects of copyright law.

The Government did not deny that the home taping question was pressing but it could not be solved in the way proposed in the Bill. It must await the completion of the Government's review.

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Liberty has unlocked the door to an amazing Secret Garden in its magnificent Tudor greenhouse – a unique environment in which city gardeners can browse for hours and find everything imaginable in the green-fingered line. The biggest names in gardening have at last come to town. Hardy perennials by Blooms of Bressingham, indoor palms and plants from Thomas Rochford and Bulldog's polished display of garden tools. Gnomes, garden supplies and expert advice abound. Pots and planters are piled high. The greatest looks in garden furniture veer from antique to modern – from Arts & Crafts, Lloyd Loom and Edwardian strapwork to French bistro – style charmers, cool Italian cane chaises and high slatted white wood from Chatsworth. Come into the garden, Maud!

Reagan's 'Mr Clean' wins unanimous backing of senators

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Mr William Ruckelshaus, the "Mr Clean" nominated by President Reagan to take over the beleaguered Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), yesterday had his appointment unanimously approved by 14 members of the Senate environment committee. His nomination now goes to the Senate floor, where he is expected to win easy confirmation next week.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who was the agency's first administrator during the early 1970s, was brought in by President Reagan two months ago after the resignation of Mrs Anne Burford, whose two-year term at the EPA had been wracked by controversy.

At the time of her resignation no fewer than six congressional and FBI investigations were under way into charges of mismanagement, political manipulation and "sweetheart" deals at the agency. Seven other senior EPA officials have either resigned or been dismissed during the past three months.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who resigned a $220,000 (£150,000) a year job with a timber firm to take up the $70,000 post, said during the committee hearings this week that his main reason for accepting the President's invitation was to repair damage done to the agency over the past two years.

He said he would move aggressively to clean up toxic waste sites without waiting to determine who would bear the costs. This marks a change from the policy followed under Mrs Burford when the EPA tried to negotiate settlements with polluting companies rather than using he agency's $1,600m "superfund" to clean up waste dumps.

Senator Robert Stafford said Mr Ruckelshaus's appointment was "the first important step in the effort to restore the confidence of the American people and of Congress in the Environmental Protection Agency."

● NEW YORK: Two nuclear power plants in the heart of a dense urban area 35 miles north of New York will be shut soon unless "significant deficiencies" in emergency plans are overcome, Christopher Thomas writes.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it would issue a closure order by June 9 unless it discovered "compelling" reasons to keep the plants open. After two years of drills and discussions, the plant operators have failed to satisfy the commission that they have a workable plan to evacuate 228,000 people who live near by.

The reactors are at Indian Point, Buchanan, beside the east bank of the Hudson River. It is a heavy commuter area. If they close it will be the first time the commission has halted a working nuclear plant because of inadequate evacuation plans.

In that event, sufficient power could probably be drawn from other sources to prevent blackouts in New York, but the cost of electricity would rise. The Consolidated Edison Company for Indian Point, the operators, put the cost to consumers at $482m a year.

Opponents of the plants, however, say domestic electricity bills would increase by no more than 1 per cent over 15 years.

More than 30 years ago the Consolidated Edison Company began studying the possibility of generating electricity with atomic energy. It bought the present site and immediately a long chapter of problems and controversy began.

The cost soared. Congress was told of dead fish in the Hudson. One plant was ordered temporarily shut because of defects. Indian Point became an important focus of national antinuclear protests. A second plant was ordered temporarily shut, then a third.

The worst blow came in March, when the Federal Emergency Management Agency concluded after watching a safety drill that the area around Indian Point was not prepared for a nuclear accident. The safety of 288,000 people, it said, "cannot be assured."



Sign of success: Mr George Shultz (right) and Mr Philip Habib after Israel's agreement to withdraw its troops.

Top Italian politician dies at 57

Rome (Reuter)–Signor Tommaso Morlino, the Italian Senate leader, who held consultations earlier this week towards forming a new government, collapsed and died at his home yesterday after suffering a suspected heart attack.

Signor Morlino, aged 57, who was the Christian Democrat Senate leader since December, was asked by President Pertini on Monday to consult the country's political leaders about the possibility of forming a new government.

Signor Amintore Fanfani, the caretaker Prime Minister, and President Pertini went to Signor Morlino's home as soon as they heard of his illness.

27 arrested in Mafia swoop

Rome (AP) – Police yesterday announced the arrest of 27 Mafia and Camorra suspects in several cities overnight in a crackdown on organized gangs. They said they were seeking six members of the Camorra, the Naples Mafia-type underworld gang, including a sister of Raffaele Cutolo, who heads a leading Camorra faction.

Thirteen Camorra suspects were rounded up in Rome, Naples, Salerno and Avellino, police said. The remaining 14 all Mafia suspects, were arrested in Reggio Calabria and Turin.

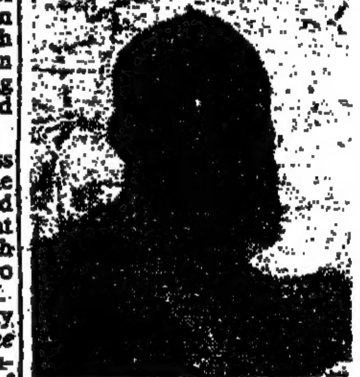
Hungry Africa

Rome (Reuter) African countries could need a substantial increase in food aid this year after unfavourable growing conditions for the second year running, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Last year Africa imported 23.9 million tonnes of food.

New archbishop

Santiago – The Pope announced yesterday that Cardinal Raul Silva Henriquez would be replaced by Bishop Juan Francisco Fresno, aged 69, as the new Archbishop of Santiago. Cardinal Silva Henriquez played a leading role in defending human rights.

Ojukwu wins



Mr Odumegwu Ojukwu, the former Biafran leader, who has had an injunction, which threatened to prevent him running for a Senate seat, lifted by the Nigerian High Court. Mr Ojukwu returned to Nigeria last June after more than 12 years in exile.

Disaster nation

Bangui (AFP) – The military Government in the Central African Republic has officially designated the whole country a disaster zone after three months of unprecedented drought and called for "urgent and massive" international help.

La Paz protest

La Paz (Reuter)–Police firing water cannon and tear gas dispersed 200 civil servants demonstrating outside the Bolivian Parliament in support of demands for a law allowing them to form their own union.

Mayors unite

Brussels. – All 19 mayors in the Brussels area have called on the Belgian Government to bring in tough new regulations to control immigration and to offer repatriation to any migrants who want to leave the country.

Coalinga aid

San Antonio (Reuter) – President Reagan has issued a disaster declaration authorizing the use of federal funds for relief work in the earthquake-shattered Californian oil town of Coalinga.

MP stops play

Harare (AFP) – Mr Herbert Ushewokunze, Zimbabwean Home Affairs Minister, ordered the police to stop an important football match in Bulawayo at short notice because it conflicted with a workers' day rally which he was addressing.

Date for Kohl

Bonn – Chancellor Kohl is to spend four days in talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow from July 4 to July 8, it was announced here. The trip was originally planned for two days.

Setting sun

The eastern Caribbean islands of St Christopher and St Nevis now look set to become fully independent of British rule later this year after a government order was passed by the Commons without a vote.

Nicaragua seeks UN help

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

A complaint by Nicaragua that it is the victim of invasions from anti-government forces, inspired and sustained by the United States, is to be considered by members of the United Nations Security Council for the second time in as many months.

In a letter to Mr Umba di Lutete of Zaire, the president of the council, Señor Hugo Tinoco, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, underscored the urgent need for a meeting and made clear that he expected the council to take concrete measures to stem the incursions and rein in the Reagan Administration's plans to continue to destabilize the Sandinist Government.

The request follows a large-scale incursion by rebel forces from Honduras into northern areas of Nicaragua and President Reagan's admission that the United States is supporting "freedom fighters" opposed to the ruling Nicaraguan junta by giving warning that any efforts by Congress to stem such support would be setting a dangerous precedent by hampering the powers of the executive office.

The reasons behind the timing of Nicaragua's call for a council meeting are two-fold. While international support for efforts to alleviate its plight were overwhelming in March when the council last met on the issue, President Reagan has now inadvertently provided the Sandinist Government with formidable ammunition in its case against the United States.

Nicaragua is also seeking to infuse new momentum in the negotiations of the Contadora group of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, which have been overshadowed by American intentions to step directly into the peacemaking process. Onb Thursday Costa Rica announced that it would issue an appeal to Organization of American States for the setting up of a peace-keeping force to patrol its joidt border with Nicaragua.

Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Secretary General, made clear at a press conference that the United Nations considered the Sandinista the legal government of Nicaragua. When asked about President Reagan's statement, he said: "He has his opinion, I have mine."

● SAN JOSE: Rebel Nicaraguan forces turned over a captured Sandinista officer to the International Red Cross on the Costa Rican border on Thursday, rebel officials here said, according to AP.

They identified him as 2nd Lieutenant Danilo Lugo Davila.

● LONDON: Oxfam, the international relief organization, is pulling one of its workers out of Nicaragua after his Jeep was fired on by anti-government forces. Mr John Howard, aged 25, a water engineer from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, was unhurt but badly shaken in the attack earlier this month.

Jews upset by media 'distortion'

By Edward Mortimer

There is "virtual unanimity" among British Jews that Israel's actions in Lebanon last year were "vilified and distorted by the media throughout the world", according to Mr William Frankel, a former editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*.

Mr Frankel made the remark on Thursday night when opening a symposium organized in London by the Institute of Jewish Affairs to discuss "the media and the war in Lebanon". His statement was, however, hotly contested by some Jewish members of the audience.

Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a lecturer in politics at Oxford University, said he believed the Western press had been maligned, and that most of the criticisms of Israel in the British press had appeared also in the Israeli press. But this was clearly a minority view among the Jewish audience.

Mr Melvin Lasky, editor of *Encounter*, said his criticisms of the media were not based on Jewish sentiments or a Jewish defence of Israel, but on analysis of "a very challenging and important political and moral phenomenon".

He said a study of the press not only in Britain but in the United States and Germany had led him to the conclusion that there were "patterns of such bias, such antipathy as to become a major phenomenon".

Mr Lasky was particularly critical of Robert Fisk, *The Times* Middle East correspondent. He described the award of a prize to Dr Fisk for his coverage of the Lebanese war as "one of the most irresponsible acts of journalism in our time".

But Dr Fisk was vigorously defended by Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the chief executive of Channel Four, who described him as "one of the best journalists I have the privilege of reading in the press, and one who tells me more about what is going on in the Arab world and between Arabs and Israelis than anybody else I can think of".

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No decision is a good decision as the President keeps everyone guessing

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Nothing illustrates the differences between the British and American political systems more dramatically than the way the two countries choose their leaders.

It is quite likely there will be a general election in Britain within the next two months, yet the election campaign has not even begun – at least not officially.

In the United States the 1984 presidential election is still more than 18 months away, yet six Democratic hopefuls have already declared their candidacy and in practical terms the field is now closed. The Rev Jesse Jackson, the radical black leader, may still decide to throw his hat in the ring, but this would be more a symbolic gesture than a serious attempt for the party's nomination.

What the Democrats are now waiting for is a clear signal from the White House that President Reagan intends to seek a second term. So far, however, although the conventional wisdom in Washington is that he will decide to run, the President has deliberately avoided taking a firm decision.

One reason for his political obfuscation is to keep the Democrats guessing for as long as possible. The candidate they eventually select will to a considerable extent be determined by whether he will be challenging Mr Reagan, Vice-President George Bush, or one of a handful of other Republican aspirants whose political ambitions are being kept in check by the uncertainty of the President's intentions.

But there are other reasons for the President staying his hand, and he will probably continue to do so at least until Labour Day (September 5). A declaration that he will not run again would definitely weaken his hand in future arms talks with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, and in the Middle East negotiations with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Thatcher meeting

Mrs Thatcher will have bilateral talks with President Reagan at the White House on May 27, midway through the Western economic summit at Williamsburg. While in Washington she will also receive an award from the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States, Downing Street said yesterday.

In this context it is interesting to note that when Mr Reagan was trying to persuade King Husain of Jordan to participate in Middle East peace negotiations, he assured him, according to a lengthy report in the *Wall Street Journal*: "We will be partners for six more years."

An early announcement would also damage Mr Reagan's chances of negotiating compromises with the Democrats on tax, spending and other domestic issues.

Finally, it is in his interests to put off as long as possible the frictions which inevitably occur between the White House and a President's reelection committee. Rival factions within the White House are already thinking how best to approach next year's election.

The main case for him not seeking a second term is his age. If reelected he would be almost 78 by the end of his second term.

Some observers feel that Mr Reagan may bow out when his programme seems to be producing results. The economy has finally begun to improve and there is a good chance that by this time next year unemployment will be falling and inflation will still be under control.

The President could then leave in a blaze of glory, saying he had fulfilled the task for which he was elected in 1980. He would then hand over to a younger man, presumably Mr Bush, who would campaign on the basis of being the guardian of Mr Reagan's programme.

Such a scenario, while not given much credence at the moment, is certainly not ruled out. Mr Reagan, for one, seems determined to keep it alive – if only to maintain a degree of uncertainty about his plans.

However, most of the puffs of smoke coming from the White House indicate that he will run. The polls show a sharp increase in his popularity. His advisers are urging him to run again, arguing that he is needed to keep the Republican party united, as well as to ensure victory in 1984. Some of them have already started planning next year's primary campaign.

But perhaps the most compelling indication that he will run again is that he clearly enjoys being President and his pleasure seems to be shared by his wife, Nancy.

If he does run, who will the Democrats choose to oppose him? Will they go for a candidate who is as unlike Mr Reagan as possible, who cares about the nation's poor and elderly, who will support minorities and who will do something about unemployment? Such a candidate would be Mr Walter Mondale, Vice-President during the Carter Administration.

Or will they go for someone who embodies many of the qualities that caused voters to elect Mr Reagan in 1980? A solid middle-American whose conservative political philosophy is not so very different from Mr Reagan's but who would enact it in a more humane and caring way. If so, they will choose Senator John Glenn, Korean war hero and former astronaut, who has been described as "the right stuff".

Or will they go for an outsider, as they did in 1976? The answer lies as much with Mr Reagan as it does with the Democratic party itself.

Bad week for gaffes from White House

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Reagan, who has never been one of the most mentally agile of men when appearing on public platforms with a text, has dropped some particularly bad clangers this week.

On Thursday, on his way to San Antonio, Texas, the President inadvertently gave the impression that an agreement at the medium-range missile talks in Geneva might be just around the corner after the new proposal made by Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader. He told a local radio station that he could "approve" Mr Andropov's proposal if it was genuine and not propaganda.

A few minutes later, he acknowledged that he should not have gone further than a statement he had made the previous day, when he said he would give the Soviet offer serious consideration.

"Maybe I have given people the wrong impression by using the word 'approve'," he said. He certainly would have done so if that remark had not been quickly retracted. For, although the United States has welcomed part of Mr Andropov's offer, it has strongly rejected his insistence that British and French nuclear systems be included in any agreement on medium-range missiles.

Mr Reagan also made a gaffe during an interview he gave on Wednesday to six American journalists. He described the Cuban-backed guerrillas who are fighting to overthrow the American-backed government in El Salvador as freedom fighters.

Although he quickly corrected himself, his remark provoked derisive hoots of laughter from journalists who were listening to a live broadcast of the interview in the White House press room.

The President tried to extricate himself by explaining, in a rambling and confused fashion, why the anti-Sandinista rebels fighting against the Nicaraguan government should be regarded as true freedom fighters.

White House officials have become accustomed to the President's gaffes and it has become customary for them to issue "clarifications"

Britain cool to changes in budget

By Patricia Clough

The Government reacted with marked coolness yesterday to the European Commission's proposals for solving the EEC's budget problem. But, officials said, an *agreement in principle* between heads of government at the Stuttgart summit next month was still possible.

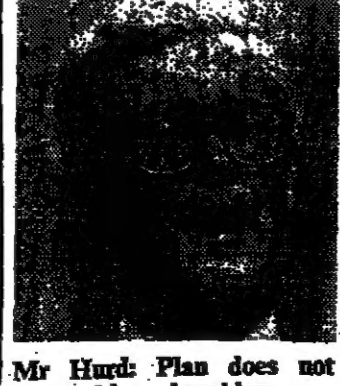
The proposals to increase the Community's financial resources while reducing the proportion spent on agriculture is "a step in the right direction, but it does not go nearly far enough".

The revenue paid in by member states from value-added tax would increase from 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent, while only 33 per cent of the total budget – compared with 6.5 per cent at present – would be used to support agriculture. Further funds would be raised according to criteria weighted against the more agriculture-oriented countries.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said on a radio programme last night that the plan "does not tackle the real haemorrhage, the real bleeding of the Community, which is the very high expenditure on farm surpluses, export subsidies and so on."

It was clear that the Government is planning to stick to its refusal to lift the 1 per cent ceiling on the value-added tax funds that member states pay as a bargaining position from which it can demand a tighter rein on farm spending.

Nevertheless, the Foreign Office is confident that an agreement in principle can be reached in Stuttgart on a long-term solution



Mr Hurd: Plan does not tackle real problem.

EEC asks Argentina to explain disappearances

Bonn (Reuter) – The European Community demanded further explanations from Argentina's military rulers yesterday for the disappearance of thousands of people during the past eight years.

Argentina said last week that those still missing must be presumed to have been killed during a campaign against left-wing guerrillas after the military seized power in 1976. Church and human rights organizations estimate that between 15,000 and 30,000 people disappeared during that period.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, speaking as current President of the Council of Foreign Ministers, said: "The military junta's document published on April 28 cannot be accepted as a sufficient or final answer to the many requests by the Ten for information from the Argentine Government on the fate of missing people.

"The Ten, therefore, maintain their demand that the Argentine Government make sure of a satisfactory explanation."

Welcoming recent steps towards the reestablishment of constitutional order in Argentina, Herr Genscher said the Community believed that human rights and the clarification of the fate of the missing had a central importance in this connexion.

Relations between several European countries and Argentina, still burdened by the Falklands conflict, have been further strained by exchanges. Buenos Aires recalled its ambassador to Italy this week after angry messages between President Sandro Pertini of Italy and President Reynaldo Bignone of Argentina about last week's junta statement. An Argentine embassy spokesman talked on Thursday of "the current crisis in our relations with Italy".

100 police injured in Paris riots

Paris (AFP, Reuter) – One hundred police were injured in Thursday night's clashes with students, according to official figures released yesterday on the latest of several days of protests against a new higher education Bill.

The violence came after a series of separate rallies in Paris by traders opposed to new taxation regulations and farmers protesting foreign imports.

The violence erupted when several hundred helmeted students, some armed with petrol bombs, charged the police at the end of a peaceful gathering of 8,000 students. Police responded by firing tear gas.

Farmers who were protesting against foreign meat imports released animals near the Eiffel Tower. Wine dealers jammed Paris traffic by driving delivery lorries deliberately slowly to protest against restriction on wine prices.

Students blamed right-wing extremists who do not belong to the universities for the worst disorders in the capital since the 1968 student riots.

A union spokesman for the riot police expressed alarm on television over the worsening confrontation with thousands of middle-class students. He accused the authorities of deliberately allowing situations to develop between police and demonstrators where violence was inevitable.

Missing engine seals caused airliner plunge

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A jet airliner without engine power plunged four miles to within 2,800ft of ditching in the ocean near Miami on Wednesday. Then, the tail engine developed just enough thrust for the pilot to make a shaky but safe landing.

There were 172 people onboard as it fell from the sky. Captain Dick Boddy had already told them to "be ready to open the doors and hit the water."

The drama began soon after takeoff from Miami to Nassau, Bahamas, when the pilot shut down the tail engine because of dangerously low oil pressure. Then the pressure fell in the two other engines.

Cabin staff were ordered forward, told what was happening as the aircraft turned for home, then began to get everybody ready for a crash landing. Soon afterwards both wing engines failed at 23,000ft.

There was apparently a great deal of screaming and pleading but in the end no real panic.

The cause of the near-disaster was missing oil seals that are routinely removed during maintenance. Somebody forgot to put them back, according to Eastern Airlines.

Poles defiant at burial of May Day victim

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The funeral of a young Pole killed during May Day demonstrations turned yesterday into a determined pro-Solidarity rally, with several hundred mourners chanting anti-government slogans.

Ryszard Smagura, a printer, aged 29, was killed in Nowa Huta while demonstrations were raging in the southern steel city. The circumstances of his death are not clear. According to one version, he was walking with his wife and child near the scene of the riots and was hit in the throat by a missile, probably a tear gas canister.

Many of the mourners seemed convinced he was a victim of police action. One wreath read: "To our friend killed by Zomos (riot police) on the first of May – from your friends in Nowa Huta".

As the coffin was carried to the grave, mourners made victory signs and chanted "Solidarity, Solidarity". Overhead, a helicopter hovered and was met with shouts of: "Here comes the crow" (slang for Military Council).

The atmosphere was bitter. A friend of the dead man said at the graveside: "We deeply believe that your death at such a young age will not be in vain. It will serve as a lesson to all young people." The crowd left quietly after the burial.

The Communist Party newspaper, *Trybuna Ludu*, has published an unusually sharp attack on Mr Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarity.

Brazil-Libya rift widens

Brasilia (Reuter) – The diplomatic rift between Brazil and Libya widened yesterday as negotiations bogged down on the return of a Libyan arms shipment intercepted here en route for Nicaragua.

The Brazilian Foreign Ministry issued a statement rejecting a demand by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, that the 52 ton of arms and explosives be sent back in the four Libyan aircraft Brazil detained on April 16. Brazil insists the arms will be returned separately.

Brazilian authorities detained the four aircraft during a refuelling stop when they found the cargo, declared as medical supplies, was in fact arms.

Court halts publication of Australia's secret files

From Our Correspondent, Melbourne

The Australian Government acted yesterday to stop the weekly newspaper *The National Times* from publishing further extracts from secret files which allegedly came from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). It sought a High Court interim injunction, which was granted shortly after midnight, stopping further publication.

Australian intelligence agencies face a witch hunt after the publication yesterday of the extracts. Last night, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, confirmed that some of the published allegations were correct.

The leaking of the documents, which are believed to cover the activities of ASIO, the Joint Intelligence Organization which has links with British and American intelligence agencies and other intelligence organizations, has been described by one *Canberra* source as a massive breach of security.

Mr Hawke said in Canberra that the allegations concerned the "greatest issues of Australia's international relationships and domestic security considerations".

While not conceding that all the allegations were accurate, he admitted that some were. Asked how such a mass of material got into the hands of *The National Times*, The Prime Minister said: "No, we don't know, but clearly, as I am indicating, we are taking steps to try and find out."

The injunction will stop *The National Times* from publishing further extracts.

Mr Hawke acted after consulting Mr Andrew Peacock, the Leader of the Opposition. Mr Peacock said: "I fully support what the Government has done.

One of the main allegations in the article is that the ASIO gave information about prominent Australians to the American Central Intelligence Agency.

Another allegation is that the *ASIO organized a break-in* at the house of Sir William McMahon, who later became Prime Minister, in an unsuccessful attempt to find politically damaging material.

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THE ARTS

Radio

Going a step further

A second airing of **In the Psychiatrist's Chair** (Radio 4, Wednesdays), Dr Anthony Clare's investigative personal interviews with well-known successful men and women, reminds me that when this series first went out in 1982 it made such an impression partly because it marked a return to one of those things radio knows it can do so well, but somehow managers to neglect, half believing that the only interviews that count are those jousts with figures in or on the fringes of the political arena about the latest burning topic, or perhaps with some lion of literature or the arts on his/her work and opinions. But that one should spend as much as 45 minutes exploring the experience and behaviour of a single individual seems strangely indefensible.

But perhaps the point has now gone home that this is a most compelling and even, I think, a valuable form of broadcasting, because the past month has produced not one but two specimens of the genre. The first of these has gone a step or two further than the Clare interviews.

At the End of my Tether (Radio 4, Sundays until tomorrow; producer, Peter Firth in Bristol) presents people whom one has never heard of and never will because they are anonymous. In six half-hour conversatons with Peter France, different individuals talk about some searing crisis in their lives: depressive illness, bereavement, a serious heart attack and the break-up of a marriage have been the four I've listened to so far and all the speakers have been women – a fact which I find not one little bit surprising. In my experience it seems to me that women are often very much better able and more willing to articulate and even come to terms with such events than we who like to think ourselves the stronger sex.

Women are often able to articulate better than men

Last week's subject, whose husband had quite suddenly and, to her, quite unexpectedly got up and left her, was able to see in the most straightforward way imaginable that she had been smothering him. After a shastly but relatively short period of pain and humiliation, she had been able to observe the pattern of acquired beliefs and attitudes which had made her do it, while realizing that if she ever had to live with him again that pattern would almost certainly reassert itself.

She now leads a happy, active life of her own and feels that in some sense (psychological stature?) she had left her ex behind. Wishful thinking? It did not sound like that, because I have gained the strong impression that these four women, as far as may be possible, were telling the truth about themselves. If this were so, I think it must have owed a lot to France's interviewing: he goes quietly, he does not push or challenge and his questions are always lucid and penetrating.

The other specimen of the face-to-face encounter, **Discursive Excursions** (Radio 4, Tuesdays; producer Alastair Wilson in Manchester), has only just begun and is probably not intended to provoke such intense self-appraisal. However, its first of three programmes in fact elicited some rather striking material. Christopher Andrew was talking to Geoff Allum, a former colleague of his advertising days who set out in 1971 with a cousin to row the Atlantic.

The aim of the series is to reveal "the reality rather than the romance of journeys" and "Two Men in a Boat" undoubtedly did that. From the moment they slipped out of harbour in the Canaries (at 3.30 am to avoid a Spanish TV crew that might have drawn public attention to their incompetence as oarsmen) Allum and cousin knew that they had bitten off more than they could chew. They knew they were going to die.

But they hadn't and they didn't. All that lay between them and continuing existence (if not by any means the glamorous acclaim for which they had been hoping) was 73 days of grinding labour, from which there was no possibility of escape except by completing it, great monotony and the repeated experience of seeing mortal dangers become a matter of daily routine.

As for those profound insights and ultimate conversations romantically associated with adventure, they appeared to be a matter of hindsight; while the adventure is on, you have no time or energy to do anything but survive it. So in its way this programme proclaimed the same sort of truthfulness as Peter France obtains and that seems to me a valuable thing to have around in broadcasting.

David Wade

Dance

The importance of atmosphere

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

To prevent confusion: the Royal Ballet company that usually plays at Covent Garden is on tour in the Far East. The company that opened at Covent Garden on Thursday is Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, so the *Swan Lake* it gave is the production by Peter Wright and Galina Samsova in collaboration with *Philip Prowse, first given* on tour in November, 1981, and never before seen in London. It is much the better of the two current Royal Ballet productions.

Having drawn attention to the greater dramatic cogency of this staging when it was first given, let me concentrate on the effect of putting it on this stage. *Prowse's designs* have looked good wherever I have seen them on tour but they look even better with the greater space available here.

The six great pillars of his permanent structure still dominate, transformed by different details into a courtyard, a ballroom or a ruined castle by a shimmering lake, but the different scale adds clarity. Incidentally, although not in any respect copying the old St Petersburg designs, they evoke an atmosphere that recalls pictures of those better than any other modern production. Prowse knows the vital importance of scale and grandeur in staging the classics.

The other important point is *how good the company* as a whole looks. That is only partly the result of being housed in unaccustomed spendour; the fact of having this production in the repertory has also contributed. Until Samsova staged *Pacquita* for them in 1980, many of the women in the company had never worn a tutu on stage. Now they have had the chance to grow into the romantic-classic style and show that they can do it well.



Galina Samsova as Odette, David Ashmole as Prince Siegfried . . . the sparkle was lacking

In just one respect the performance was disappointing compared with when first given on tour – and that unfortunately *the most important.* Samsova (temporarily, I hope and trust) seems not in her best form; she looked hard-pressed by some bravura passages, omitted others. The pliant back and the boldly expressive arms are still there, the sense of timing and *épaulement*, but the strain she found in the choreography prevented the passion she has previously brought to this role from shining through until the last act.

That in turn affected David Ashmole, a dancer who looks sensitive to atmosphere and nuance. He is by physique and temperament better-suited to Siegfried than any of the Royal Ballet's other men, but needs *his* ballerina to spark the emotion in him, and that did not happen until late in the evening.

There are other performances and several more casts to come, so one may expect to see different nuances later. Meanwhile, the dancing of the swan corps de ballet in acts two and four, and of the czardas, mazurka, Neapolitan and Spanish numbers in act three deserves warm welcome, not *least for the way it kept pace* with Barry Wordsworth's precipitate tempi. More than once I thought the music's drama needed slightly more time to breathe.

John Percival

Television

Falling off the moon

Not all the men who have been into space have been elevated emotionally by the experience in the long run. Some have *suffered breakdown, others* have disappeared into a fundamentalism that seems the opposite of a technological breakthrough. Reflecting on this led Derek Lister to his play **Perfect Shadows** (BBC 2).

Chuck Miller, "Smiling Chuck" to his Nasa colleagues, has walked the moon. Back on earth he stops smiling, finding himself on the public-relations circuit, the astronaut's equivalent to being out to pasture. He *is required to talk of his* experience to Rotary circles and chambers of commerce and knit himself gradually into an affluent, conforming future in business.

The first chore he finds tedious and that precludes the second course. Questioners at his lectures are not reaching for the moon but wondering how he went to the loo there. He calculates that none of the possessors of the 36,000 hands he has shaken has been at all changed by what he and his colleagues did.

He wants the meaning to match the experience but it does not and his increasing moroseness affects his relationships with his wife and daughter and sours his superiors. He is still in *love with technology* but aware that despite its achievements, the world remains on the edge of oblivion.

Near breakdown, he seeks solace from a fellow moonwalker who appears to have made a happier touchdown, keeping his marriage intact and his feet on the ground in a *successful business. The* colleague confesses to being haunted still but says he has sought within himself for the answer and learned to live with the moonshine. "We're pilots, not poets," he tells Chuck and helps him to reconcile himself with an inevitable gap between experience and expression and to go home and pick up the threads.

It was a neat, well constructed play, cleverly inter-cut with space footage and well-acted by Michael J. Shannon as Chuck, Nicola Hitch as his wife, and Kate Harper as his daughter. Andrée Molyneux produced this lively flight of fancy and David Spencer directed it.

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

The Underwater World of Al Giddings (tomorrow, BBC 2, 7.15 pm), which immediately precedes the re-run of Robert Hughes's horizon-extending essays about modern art called **The Shock of the New** (at 8.10), is about the shock of the old: ancient nightmares like the Great White Shark and the *Moray Eel. Mr Giddings heads* a team of undersea photographers whose nerves must have been removed. They think nothing of letting a dead fish dangle from their mouths so that sharks can snatch a snack as they flash past, or of stroking the flesh-stripping Moray Eel as if it were a lap dog. There is the shock of the unfamiliar, too: the North Pole photographed from *underneath* the ice a silent and lifeless world, weirdly coloured. Small wonder that Mr Giddings returns from it in humble frame of mind.

Derek Bailey's marathon, ***Music in Time*** *(tomorrow,* Channel 4, 7.15 pm), now a quarter through its 16-week run, is not pandering to popular taste. Quite right, too. There are plenty of other music programmes happy to do that (for example **Stuart Burrows Sings**, BBC 2, tomorrow, 9.50 pm). Episode four is about the music and dance of the seventeenth century – the first stirrings of opera (Monteverdi's *Orfeo*) and ballet (Lully's *Alceste*), the motets of Byrd, and sundry Elizabethan madrigals. The works, as always in this series, are immaculately performed and unfussily photographed, and *James Galway, in his role* of presenter, is amiably informative. I also like Mr Bailey's general commentary which rightly assumes that people who watch his films know that there is more to classical music than the "New World" and the first movement of the "Moonlight Sonata".

Also recommended: the final of **Mastermind** *(tomorrow, BBC* 1, 8.45 pm), when nerves will be heard to snap not only in the studio but all over Britain; André Previn conducting a performance of **Brahms's German Requiem** (tonight, BBC *2, 7.50 pm)*; and the Saturday Night Theatre play **The Bohemians** (tonight, Radio 4, 8.30 pm), David Nathan's version of the Murger book in which Puccini found the raw material out of which he sculpted *La bohème.*

Peter Davalle

Theatre

Far Above Rubies
The Drill Hall

The women rose up and struck in righteous anger at the gods of Judaism and Islam – and with good cause if the case histories presented in Julia Pascal's play *are evidence* of the injustice perpetuated in the name of religion. The attack is on two fronts – at the atrocities against women under the Khomeini regime in Iran, and at the subjugation of women by orthodox Judaism.

The strongest part of the evening is in the documentation of the fear under which Iranian women live. The hatred of *Muslim fanatics spills over* against any female who has not voluntarily placed herself under house arrest. To be out on the street, unless eveloped from head to toe in a virtual blackout curtain, is to invite torture and even death. It is all the more poignant, says Miss Pascal, that Iranian women had at first supported the Ayatollah for ending corruption and their exploitation as "western dolls."

The Jewish morning prayer for men – "Blessed art thou O Lord Our God, King of the Universe who has not made me a woman" – is the starting point for an attack on the chauvinistic *Judaic God. Though* no woman is stabbed for being unveiled, the stifling of woman in insisting they devote themselves entirely to the service of the family is brought out in the monologue of a dying grandmother.

This does not, however, sustain the evening which is uneasily mixed with facetious allegories about Adam and Eve, or Sarah and Abraham, delivered for some obscure reason in broad American accents. Muhammad and God are both brought to trial, but wisecrack their way through the argument. The old feminist favourite, the mother goddess who was in charge before she was usurped by the patriarchal god, is wheeled on at the end to a sense *of déjavu.*

The four women taking part, Souad Faress, Aviva Goldkorn, Sarah Martin and Margo Random have all strongly individualistic faces. But when they don the black robes of Islam, they suddenly look identical. It nicely illustrated Miss Pascal's point, "The veil makes you nothing."

Clare Colvin

Sorsa leads coalition for fourth time

From Olli Kivinen
Helsinki

Finland's new four-party centre coalition headed by Mr Kalevi Sorsa, democratic leader, was sworn in yesterday. This is the fourth time that Mr Sorsa has led Finland's Government.

The three non-socialist parties in the coalition – the Centre Party, the Swedish People's Party and the Rural Party – have a majority over the Social Democrats in the cabinet of 9 to 8. The coalition parties control 123 of Parliament's 200 seats.

The previous government, *also led by Mr Sorsa, resigned* after the parliamentary elections in March, and then functioned as a caretaker government.

The coalition negotiations were easier than usual. The only surprise was the addition of the populist Rural Party to the previous three-party coalition.

During the early stages of the negotiations, the Social Democrats announced that they did not want to join a coalition with the second biggest party, the Conservatives, who were therefore left out.

The coalition parties drew up a loosely-worded coalition programme. It is based on a sombre realization that the economic situation does not leave much room to manoeuvre, and that no new costly initiatives can be contemplated, at least for the next two years.

In foreign policy, the Government emphasizes the need to leave Finland's neutral stance unchanged.

The Cabinet is:
Prime Minister: Kalevi Sorsa (Social Democrats); **Foreign:** Paavo Vayrynen (Center); **Justice:** Christoffer Taxell (Swedish); **Interior:** Matti Luttinen (Soc Dem); **Environment:** Matti Ahde (Soc Dem); **Defence:** Veikko Pihlajamaki (Center); **Finance:** Ahti Pekkala (Center); **Second Finance:** Pekka Vennamo (Rural); **Trade and Industry:** Seppo Lindblom (Soc Dem). **Education:** Mrs Kaarina Suonio (Soc Dem); **Culture:** Gustav Bjorkstrand (Swedish); **Agriculture:** Toivo Ylajarvi (Center); **Communications:** Matti Puhakka (Soc Dem); **Foreign Trade:** Jermu Laine (Soc Dem); **Health and Social Questions:** Mrs Eeva Kuuskoski-Vikatmaa (Center); **Second Health and Social:** Mrs Vappu Taipale (Soc Dem); **Manpower:** Urpo Leppanen (Rural).

Spanish cities go to polls

Socialists still call the tune

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

In municipal elections tomorrow, Spain's Socialist Government is expected to consolidate at local level the power it won nationally for the first time in more than 40 years in last October's general election.

On the same day the voters in a second ballot in 13 new autonomous regions will be deciding whether they also want Socialist majorities in regional parliaments for the next four years.

If the electors agree – and three recent public opinion polls all suggest the Socialist *party will obtain* about 45 per cent of the popular vote – the Socialists will wield remarkable influence in Spain's still very new democratic institutions. Last October the party polled 46 per cent of the national vote.

Keenly aware of the risks for them of this concentration of power, the opposition forces led by Señor Manuel Fraga, the *former Franco minister,* opted to copy France's opposition and make the municipal contest a "referendum on Socialism". But they ignored the fact that Señor Felipe González and his Socialist team, unlike the French Socialists at their March polls, have been in power in Madrid for only six months.

The opposition has not *succeeded* in offering a convincing alternative and the Socialists are fighting on their record in the municipalities since the first Democratic local elections in 1979. They have been able to exploit the contrast with the dismal record in local government of the Franco regime.



Señor Tierno: Looking unbeatable in Madrid

Campaigning has been tough, unlike the general election, with strong class overtones and violence.

The contests in big cities such as Madrid, Barcelona, Seville and Valencia overshadowed campaigning to elect 764 regional MPs *for the* 13 autonomous regions created by the former Centre Democrat governments in collaboration with the Socialists.

This underlines the lack of identity in regions carved out administratively from Spain's historic provinces. The Basque country, Catalonia, Galicia and Andalusia, which already have functioning *parliaments* and local autonomous governments, do not go to the polls

Town planning and better social services have been the Socialist's favourite themes, apart from an adaption of the *music from the British film Chariots of Fire* for their election tune.

Señor Carlos López, the Socialist mayor of a popular residential town outside Madrid and a former electrician, said that land speculation and private jerry-building, had caused the gravest problems over the past four years.

Instead of letting construction companies build apartment blocks on the land they had acquired during the Franco years, he promised that sites still unbuilt on would be used for parks, a public library, a *creche or recreation centre.*

In Madrid Professor Enrique Tierno Galván, at 65 the father figure of Spain's mostly young Socialist leaders, looks unbeatable and may even be able to govern without needing the support of the Communists in future. "The aggressiveness with which the construction companies 'developed' Madrid *during* the economic boom years is almost unbelievable", Señor Tierno said.

If the Socialists win control of most of the autonomous regions, their approach, favouring "solidarity" between areas which are poor and isolated compared with Catalonia and the Basque country, will leave the Government in Madrid with a *great deal of financial* control.

Tanzania seizes 25 British Asians

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Tanzania has announced details of the first 1,294 people arrested since a national campaign against "economic saboteurs" was launched at the end of March.

According to a statement from State House, Dar es Salaam, 802 are clasified as businessmen, 339 as unlicensed traders, 62 as employees of semi-government organizations, *27 as civil servants and four as* members of the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi Party.

Of this total, 25 hold British passports. They are all thought to be Asains since Asians have been singled out for special *attention in the drive against* black marketeers, smugglers and currency manipulators.

Tanzania's Parliament recently passed a new Economic Sabotage (Special Provisions) Act, which allows for special *tribunals to order detention for* up to 15 years. In addition, property may be confiscated.

Many of those detained will appear before the new tribunals, but some will be charged in the ordinary courts. Where investigation does not disclose sufficient evidence, those arrested may be released.

The campaigns to track down alleged economic saboteurs are still continuing, and there were *further arrests this week.*

Excommunication spells end for sect

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The excommunication by the Vatican of Signor Piero Babbini, the "Apostle Peter" of Siena and his 300 followers who claim that the former coal merchant has miraculous powers and is sent by *God,* is regarded as the beginning of the end for the remarkable sect.

The decision of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome was taken after many warnings from the office of the Archbishop of Siena against Signor *Babbini,* a faith healer who is accused of having challenged the authority of the Pope and the bishops.

Among Signor Babbini's followers was Don Enzo Cupani, the parish priest of Sant' Ansano, *at Dofano,* a suburb of Siena, who has also been excommunicated and dismissed.

He had enlarged the parish church to serve as a sanctury for Signor Babbini who had reintroduced severe and ancient rites such as insisting that people entering church must be barefoot and the women veiled.

Now lay members of the community can no longer take communion or hold any post of responsibility within the church.

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Injuries claim limited by air convention

Goldman v Thai Airways International Ltd
Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Purchas

[Judgment delivered May 5]

The Court of Appeal held that the pilot of an aircraft in which a passenger had sustained personal injuries during an international flight had not behaved "recklessly and with knowledge that damage would probably result" within article 25 of the Warsaw Convention as amended by The Hague Protocol in 1955 (enacted into English law by the Carriage by Air Act 1961 and published as a Schedule to the Act), and accordingly the passenger was not entitled to damages outside the limits laid down in the convention.

The court, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by the airline, Thai Airways International *Ltd, from the judgment of* Mr Justice Chapman, who on March 31, 1981, had awarded the plaintiff, Dr Philip Goldman, £51,163 damages and interest against the airline. The judgement was set aside in respect of the excess over the convention limit of £11,700. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Article 25 of the convention, as amended, provides: "The limits of liability specified in article 22 shall not apply if it is proved that the damage resulted from an act or omission of the carrier, his servants or agents, done with intent to cause damage or recklessly and with knowledge that damage would probably result. . ."

Mr Charles Sparrow, QC and Mr Robert Webb for the airline; Mr Robert Johnson, QC, Mr Hugh Bennett and Mr Oliver Wise for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH said that on July 1, 1977, the plaintiff was on a Thai Airways DC8 which *left Heathrow for Bangkok.*

When it was about 80 nautical miles north west of Istanbul he felt a series of bumps which made him *desire to fasten his seat belt.*

As he was doing so he was thrown from his seat and struck the ceiling. The aircraft had encountered clear air turbulence (CAT). He sustained a serious injury to his lower spine.

The pilot, Captain Swang decided to fly on to Karachi, where the plaintiff was given a pain *killing* injection and agreed to go on to Bangkok. There he was taken to hospital.

Before leaving Heathrow and again at Amsterdam the pilot was provided with a significant weather chart for the journey. The charts forcasted two areas of CAT for the aircraft's flight path.

They were delineated on the chart and the first, designated CAT 1, stretched from east of Ankara to Italy with an average width of 215 nautical miles. Both areas of CAT were classified as moderate.

The peculiar feature of CAT was that it was not detectable before it was encountered. However, it was possible to warn a pilot that he might encounter CAT in a particular area and that he should be on his guard against it.

A forecast of CAT in an area did not mean that an encounter with turbulence was inevitable. A plane could pass through the area for a number of journeys in succession *without meeting it at all.*

There were three degrees of CAT, slight, moderate and severe. Weather charts gave a forecast of moderate *or severe CAT but* they did not indicate areas where only light CAT might occur. Severe CAT was a relatively rare occurrence.

The plaintiff's claim was governed by the provisions of the Warsaw/Hague Convention which was made applicable to the case by the Carriage by Air Act 1961. At the trial the defendants claimed that they were only liable to pay limited damages under the provisions of article 22.

The judge held that there was no limit applicable to the plainaff's claim because he had successfully brought his case within the provisions of article 25. The judge found that the pilot should have illuminated the "Fasten Seat Belts" sign 10 minutes before entering the area CAT 1.

The defendents' flight manual contained the following instructions in paragraph 10.3: "Use of Seat Belts. The passengers must use their seat belts and the sign "Fasten Seat Belts" should be lit. . during all flying in turbulent air and when *turbulence can be expected."*

The judge's conclusions were that the pilot having been informed by the weather forecast that CAT was *expected wilfully disregarded* the instructions in the flight manual when he knew that they were designed for the passengers' safety; he knew that damage of some kind would probably result if the risk of encountering CAT, which he was taking, materialised; and it was immaterial whether or not the pilot actually knew that injury would probably result from his omission in the circumstances as he, the pilot, saw them.

The basic findings upon which the judge relied were: (1) that when an area of CAT was forecast across the *aircraft's* flight path then turbulence was expected; (2) that the flight manual required seat belts to be worn in such an area; (3) that that *precaution* was necessary because turbulence and in particular moderate turbulence could develop into something more intense than its basic *definition,* and *without* any adequate warning.

The defendants' contention was: (1) A forecast indicated only a possibility of turbulence.

(2) It was for the pilot to decide whether or not he actually expected CAT; severe or moderate CAT would be preceded by light turbulence and the pilot would decide whether he could expect it to build up into moderate turbulence or die away; and in that way it was for him to decide when to switch on the seat belt sign.

(3) The pilot had no reason to suppose that he would not be able to give passengers a timely warning to fasten their seat belts.

The judge saw and heard the expert witnesses and concluded that he preferred the evidence of the plaintiff's experts. There was no valid reason for saying that he was wrong in his preference or for disturbing the finding that the correct procedure was for belts to be fastened before entering a CAT area.

Reading article 25 as a whole and not pausing to give an isolated meaning to the word "recklessly", the article required the plaintiff to *prove that: (1) the damage resulted* from an act or omission; (2) it was done with intent to cause damage; or (3) it was done when the doer was *aware that damage would probably* result but he did so regardless of that possibility; (4) the damage complained of was the kind of damage know to be the probable result.

When conduct was stigmatised as reckless it was because it engendered the risk of undesirable consequences. When a person acted recklessly he acted in a manner which indicated a decision to run the risk or a mental attitude of indifference to its existence.

One could not, therefore, decide whether or not an act or omission was done recklessly without considering the nature of the risk involved.

In the present case the omission relied upon was the failure to order seat belts to be fastened. The risk, therefore, was *the risk of injury* to the passenger whose belt should have been fastened.

If the article had stopped at the word "recklessly" *his Lordship* would have been prepared to say that on the judge's findings the plaintiff had proved his case. That was because on those findings the pilot had deliberately ignored his instructions which he knew were for the safety of the passengers and thus demonstrated a willingness to accept a risk.

However, the doing of the act of omission was not only qualified by the adverb "recklessly" but also by the adverbial phrase "with knowledge that damage would probably result".

If the pilot did not know that damage would probably result from his omission he should not be attributed with knowledge which another pilot might have possessed or which he himself should have possessed.

An act might be reckless when it involved a risk even though it could not be said that the danger envisaged was a probable consequence. It was enough that it was a possible consequence although there came a point where the risk was so remote that it would not be considered reckless to take it.

Article 25 however referred not to "possibility" but to the "probability" of resulting damage. The word "probable" was a common *enough* word and *meant* that something was likely to happen.

That was what was meant in article 25. In other words one expected *damage from the act or* omission.

The damage expected had to be of the same kind as that suffered. Article 25 was designed to cover cases of damage both to the person and to property.

The article contained no excep*tion from liability in the case of an* act done for justifiable cause.

There might be occasions when an act could be said to be done *recklessly in regard to one possible* kind of damage although morally wholly justified as the price of averting some other more serious hurt.

Perhaps one could resolve the matter by saying that recklessness involved an element of moral turpitude. If all that could be expected was the spilling of a cup of tea over someone's dress is seemed wrong that the pilot should be blamed for unexpected personal injuries. The pilot had to have knowledge that damage would result from his omission.

*The damage referred to some*thing which resulted from the omission.

For the pilot's omission to amount to recklessness it was necessary to show that he knew that prudent flying required him to illuminate the seat belt sign before entering the CAT area. Primarily the plaintiff relied upon the flight manual.

While his Lordship was prepared to accept that the judge's interpretation of paragraph 10.3 was correct his Lordship was not satisfied that every pilot would understand it in that way, or that Captain Swang understood the paragraph as requiring him to put on the seat belt sign before actually entering a CAT area or before the first indications of CAT were felt.

With regard to article 25 it was not sufficient to show that Captain Swang deliberately broke a regu*lation even one which was* designed for safety unless it was also shown that the had knowledge that injury would probably result.

It was in relation to that knowledge (and not to the regulations themselves) that his conduct was to be judged in order to determine whether or not it was reckless. The evidence on both sides was strongly against the probability of injury.

Indeed it was doubtful whether the evidence went so far as to say that an encounter with CAT of any kind was probable let alone CAT of sufficient severity to cause an injury. There could be no reason for the pilot to omit so trivial a precaution as the seat belt sign if he thought that injury was probable.

It had not been proved that Captain Swang knew that damage would probably result, or that he acted recklessly.

The appeal would be allowed.

Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Purchas agreed.

Solicitors: Beaumont & Son; Rochman Landau & Co.

No copyright breach

Durion Company Inc v Hugh Jennings and Co Ltd

A company had not been in breach of artistic copyright by manufacturing *a product* to the design given in another company's drawings where only the accompanying table of statistics and not the pictorial *element had* been relied upon, Lord Justice Dillon (with Lord Justice Ackner) held in the Court of Appeal on May 5.

HIS LORDSHIP said it was well established that copyright could exist where, in a detailed drawing, dimensions and writing on the drawings were *used to interpret* a copyright drawing, but it would be turning that principle on its head to say that if there was artistic *copyright in a very* rudimentary pictorial representation of a metal tube there would be copyright in the table of statistics also.

THE TIMES DIARY

Off-on Bach?

Arrangements for Sir Lennox Berkeley's eightieth birthday concert, at the Queen Elizabeth hall next Saturday, are becoming *molto agitato*. Berkeley, who has chosen the programme and will himself be playing the *Palm Court Waltz*, has been planning the event with the English Sinfonietta for the past year. Then it was thought that sufficient sponsorship could not be raised, and for 48 hours the celebration was cancelled. Now that friends have rallied with the money and the concert is on again, the South Bank administration has sent out 3,000 posters to hotels, libraries and ticket agencies with "Concert cancelled" stamped across the date. "The QEH are as embarrassed as we are", says the Sinfonietta chairman, Harry Legge, "but the birthday concert really is going ahead".

Acid test

The Department of the Environment has decided to set aside nearly £500,000 this year for research into acid rain. It is less than a year since Michael Heseltine infuriated the Scandinavians by sending a junior to a ministerial conference in Stockholm to deny that there was any problem of our making, and by cutting the research budget. Margaret Thatcher signed a declaration at the European summit in March asserting that "the damage done to the forest environment by acid rain makes effective joint action urgently necessary", but there are still government diehards who insist: "The politics of acid rain have run ahead of the science."

● *The service list for the chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, tomorrow evening states: "No sermon." The anthem will be: "I was glad."*

Broke, mouldy?

The compiler of Camden SDP's newsletter claims to have seen this graffito at a railway station: "The Tories are the cream of society – *rich, thick, and full of clots.*" And to have promptly scrawled the rejoinder: "Labour are the salt of the earth – coarse-grained, mass produced and bad for you in large amounts." What, I wonder, does that bit of wall have to say now about the SDP?

My word!

My confidence in your omniscience was fully justified. I was supplied with the word which means "carousing of seamen on icebound ships" within a minute of entering my office yesterday morning. I cannot give the answer to those who cannot get it off the tip of their tongue. May 14 being the generous deadline Chambers allowed journalists, for whom the competition was originally intended, to search their new dictionary for the answer. My prize is claimed, though, and goes to Leonard Cegielka of Wembley. Actually, I am not sure Chambers is so wonderful. It does not even include the word "iatronudia", which as you all know means the morbid desire to undress in front of a doctor. Betty Kirkpatrick, the editor, tells me the reason for this omission is that she is married to a doctor.

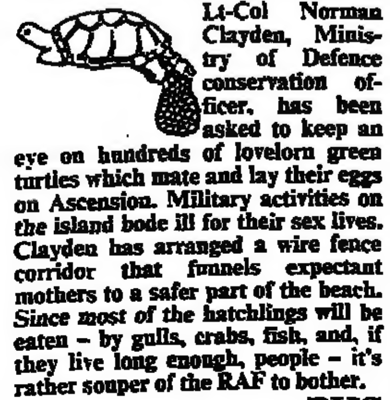
BARRY FANTONI



"I do hope, Tamsin, this doesn't herald yet another Sixties revival"

Cop that

During the final of the Police Athletic Association football championship in Belfast, a Metropolitan police officer knocked an RUC constable to the ground and kicked him in the stomach. Four other Met players and one RUC man were booked for foul play. At a reception after the game a senior Metropolitan officer, replying to the toast "The Metropolitan Police", hoped that next time the Met played the RUC, the Met would have their own referee. After that a fight broke out. Time off granted to police sportsmen, *Police Review* notes, is usually justified on the grounds that sport promotes the good image of the police.



Lt-Col Norman Clayden, Ministry of Defence conservation officer, has been asked to keep an eye on hundreds of lovelorn green turtles which mate and lay their eggs on Ascension. Military activities on the island bode ill for their sex lives. Clayden has arranged a wire fence corridor that funnels expectant mothers to a safer part of the beach. Since most of the hatchlings will be eaten – by gulls, crabs, fish, and, if they live long enough, people – it's rather souper of the RAF to bother.

PHS

Even the omens don't know

by David Butler

If Mrs Thatcher asks for a dissolution next week she will be going to the country from a stronger position than any prime minister since the war. Any governing party that has for some months had an opinion poll lead of 10 per cent or more must be strongly favoured to win a general election.

But even if Thursday's local elections had given 5 per cent more or 5 per cent less to any party than they actually did, they would not have offered any certain guidance to Mrs Thatcher. What happens in local elections is always a suspect guide. Only 40 per cent vote – not 75 per cent as in a general election. And even those voters include a fair *number who say they would vote* differently nationally and locally. A MORI poll in *The Sunday Times* found that the Conservatives might *expect to do 8 per cent better in a* Westminster contest than in a council election.

So for the Conservatives to fare as well as *they did on Thursday*, notably in such key places as Birmingham, Nottingham and Cardiff, must be comforting for Mrs Thatcher and Mr Parkinson.

Yet the margin was not enough for real Conservative assurance. Labour was only 5 per cent behind the Conservatives *in terms of votes*; the Alliance, although 13 per cent behind Labour, still got 22 per cent – more than any third party vote in a *general election since 1929*.

For the past two years the electorate has been in a more fickle mood than ever before. The opinion *polls have shown fluctuations* ranging from 15 per cent to 30 per cent in the support for each of the parties. By-elections have fully *confirmed the new propensity to change sides*; in the final days at Bermondsey and Darlington the party balance was transformed, but in opposite directions.

The *Alliance has the most lightly* rooted support of all the parties but it still has the potential to flower or to fade spectacularly during the three weeks of a general election campaign. Even in the more stable days of June 1970 and February 1974, universal predictions that the government would be re-elected were confounded by a last-minute swing.

To make these points is not to predict disaster for Mrs Thatcher. Ladbroke's *quote* 100 to 1 against her winning a 200 majority (the *largest margin since 1935*). A *betting* man should jump at such odds. The real odds must be much shorter than that. On the other hand, Corals also *quote 9 to 2 on a Conservative* victory. Don't take that bet. The Conservatives are rightly favourites to win, but they should not be as hot favourites as that.

The television networks offered three different translations of how *Thursday's voting could apply to the* new-drawn parliamentary constituencies. ITN produced the middle estimate: Conservative 347, Labour 258, *Alliance 20. On that basis the* Conservatives gain 21 more seats than are needed for a clear majority.

However, there may be a latent danger in the situation for the Conservatives. The table of marginal seats shows how a large Alliance advance may help Labour. In the constituencies of Cambridge and Pendle the Alliance vote leapt to produce three-horse races from which Labour emerged with two of their few gains.

Two other seats where the Liberals polled threateningly well, *Cheltenham and Chelmsford*, are traditionally Conservative. The Liberals claim to be satisfied with the vote in the seats of their sitting MPs. *David Alton*, who has had to move across Liverpool to Mossley Hill, can boast of a 49 per cent Liberal vote in his new constituency.

The Alliance has some notable advances but it does not seem to have moved into a clear lead anywhere. The Alliance vote in David Owen's Devonport (24 per cent), Bob Mitchell's Itchen (18 per cent), and David Ginsburg's Dewsbury (15 per cent) can hardly encourage the SDP MPs.

In the private Alliance quarrel in Liverpool, the Liberals outpolled the *SDP by 15 to one in the six wards* where they fought each other, but nationally even the SDP, allowing for the number of defectors standing again in safe Labour seats, *made a* small advance while the Liberals have more councillors than at any point since the war. Although the Alliance was disappointed in many of its hopes it has shown that it is still advancing in some areas and certainly far from being written off as a national force.

The North-South difference was once more in evidence, as this table shows:

% swing from Conservative to Labour

	North	Midlands	South
1979-83	+1.9	+5.3	−2.2
1982-83	+2.4	+3.5	−0.3

It is notable that the Midlands has moved even further against Mrs Thatcher than the North. But it is not a uniform movement – as illustrated by the voting changes in the table of six districts.

As Mrs Thatcher and her *colleagues pour over* Central Office's computer analyses this weekend it is to be doubted whether they will feel much wiser. They may be a bit *worried* at a few of the Alliance advances and at their failure to realize to the full the hopes the opinion polls may have given them, but in the 1980s electioneering will be an ever more uncertain sport. There are no dead certs.

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MARGINALS, 1979-83

	Con	Lab	Alliance
Con Gain			
Southampton, Itchen	−1.7	− 6.0	+ 7.7
Walsall South	+0.3	−11.9	+13.2
Con Hold			
Calder Valley	− 4.1	−11.3	+15.4
Manchester, Withington	− 7.1	− 1.5	+ 8.9
Peterborough	− 7.5	− 4.3	+11.7
Lab Gain			
Bury South	− 2.5	− 0.4	+ 2.6
Cambridge	−10.7	− 0.3	+11.2
Pendle	−10.1	− 4.8	+14.8
Lab Hold			
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	− 5.4	+ 2.8	+ 3.7
Halifax	− 1.6	− 0.6	+ 3.1
Leicester East	− 3.8	+ 0.1	+ 3.6

KEY DISTRICTS 1979-83

Changes in % of vote

	Con	Lab	Lib
Liverpool	− 3.1	+ 3.4	+ 0.6
Newcastle	− 6.2	− 5.2	+12.8
Birmingham	− 5.9	− 1.4	+ 8.5
Derby	−10.3	− 0.3	+ 9.9
Oxford	− 6.7	− 0.7	+11.1
Gillingham	− 5.3	− 7.1	+11.5

The imperfect dream: a return passage to India

by Enoch Powell

I never read *A Passage to India* until last year, at a great distance therefore of time and circumstance from the years either of its composition or of the huge popularity which it enjoyed immediately after its publication in 1924.

Forster was in India for five months in 1912-13 and for nine months in 1921, mainly in the United Provinces (Uttar Pradesh) and Bihar, and in the state of Dewas Senior. I ought, before addressing myself to an assessment of Forster's book, to lay my own credentials on the table.

I was in India as an officer (British service, General Staff, lieutenant-colonal to brigadier) for two years and a half, from August 1943 to February 1946. It was at my own desire (as often happens in the British Army in wartime) that I went east after two years' service in the Middle East and North Africa Commands. I wanted to get into the war against Japan as soon as the crisis of the war with Germany was past, with a view, as I used to put it, to 'getting to Singapore before the Americans'. In the summer of 1943 I jumped into Wingate's taxi in Cairo to beg a place in the Chindits, but he was killed before I cashed the cheque. In the end I persuaded General Cawthorn, a 16th Punjabi, the Director of Military Intelligence (India), to take me on his staff to organize joint service intelligence.

I saw this as just a stepping-stone to the Far East; but by the time Lord Mountbatten in 1944 moved South-East Asia Command HQ from Delhi to Kandy (Sri Lanka), I had fallen hopelessly and helplessly in love with India, and I refused a transfer to Mountbatten's staff. If in 1946 there had been a foreseeable future in the Indian Army, I would have opted to 'leave my bones there'. There was not, and I came home. General Cawthorn, who became almost a second father to me, continued in senior military and civil capacities to serve the successor *state of Pakistan. He never lost his* faith in India or Pakistan. He had watched with pleasure and approval the growth of my Indian absorption.

The love affair started on my first night in India, which I passed in my valise on a platform at Delhi railway station. With the sights, the sounds and the odours I drew in a new intimation. For the next two years and a half I studied, enquired and read voraciously about India. It was in Delhi that for the first time in my life I began to take an interest in buildings. I became an amateur of Islamic architecture, travelling in search of the more celebrated examples by train and by bicycle – above all by bicycle, the ideal form of Indian locomotion.

On short leaves my bearer and I put our bicycles in the luggage van and might have been filmed in silhouette cycling in single file along a *bund* somewhere in the U.P. or Gujerat. He was a tall, solemn Poonchi, whom I remember on the day I left India for home bursting *into tears* which trickled slowly down his long henna-dyed beard. It was not the only sad leave-taking that day. The other was from my Urdu teacher, a man of *Panipat*, himself a poet and nephew of one of the greatest Urdu poets, Hali. He had not only taken me through my interpretership but we had worked together at the prosody and scansion of Urdu poetry, he reflectively chewing betel from his silver pan-box as I read aloud.

No man can see India in ten or twenty times as long as I was there. But I was fortunate, though huge areas remained blank on my map, to cross and re-cross the sub-continent from Rawalpindi to Akyab in Burma, from Karachi to Dacca, from Madras to Darjeeling; and not the least rewarding months were those when I wrote – all but single-handed – the report of the Committee on the Post-War Indian Army, the army that was to be torn in two, to whose last commander-in-chief, Auchinleck, I gave my own copy thirty years later. But I must discipline myself, and not run on, adding memory to memory from the torrent of pictures that come tumbling out at the summons of an Indian word or an Indian event. Still, the nature of my own Indian experience is strictly relevant to the impression left upon me by *A Passage to India*.

That impression was initially one of repugnance at a representation so patently and grossly distorted. N. C. Chaudhuri was near the mark when he associated the book with 'the growth of that mood which enabled the British people to leave India with an almost Pilate-like gesture of washing their hands of a disagreeable affair'. Even taking into account the fact that most of the book was written during the aftermath of the massacre in the Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, the book reads like a deliberate caricature, as biased and as ill-informed as the deliverances of that proverbial fun-figure, Paget MP, who spent 'twenty-one days in India' before writing his authoritative accounts.

To me it simply rang false that the National Anthem 'was the Anthem of the Army of Occupation: it reminded every member of the Club that he or she was British and in exile'; or that an English woman 'who had been a nurse in a native state' said that a dying Indian 'can go where he likes as long as he doesn't come near me, they give me the creeps'; or that a city magistrate would say, 'I am out here to work, mind, to hold this wretched country by force'; or that the lieutenant-*governor of a province*, because 'exempted by a long career in the Secretariat from personal contact with the peoples of India' was *therefore* 'able to speak of them urbanely and deplore racial prejudice'; or that he same city magistrate would write, 'the longer one lives here, the more certain one gets that everything hangs together; my personal opinion is, it's the Jews'.

My second thoughts began when I discovered that Forster had nevertheless perceived, and, as far as it can be done at all, described, that sense of hallucination which pervades India. "Nothing in India is identifiable, the mere asking of a question causes it to disappear or to merge in something else.' As I once heard it remarked of the rope-trick, 'it is essentially Indian, because no such trick ever existed'. The English in India, for all their doing and striving, became part of that hallucination. The Raj itself (without intending the pun) was a mirage, a dream which British and Indians *dreamed together and which individuals* will still dream again when they meet, long, long after other dreams and other hallucinations *have succeeded it. Leave* out Forster's pasteboard figures of fun, and his physical descriptions of scenes and cities evoke the dream as they only could if someone who also felt it had written them.

The Indians in the book are nearer reality than the Europeans. It was, after all, Forster's tutorship of a young Indian Muslim, and his affection for him, which booked the passage, and it was to princely India and to Muslim Indian society – admittedly through the medium of western education and the English language – that he was introduced. The Indian hero of the book, Dr Aziz, is well drawn, with his endearing self-knowledge of the limitations and embarrassments felt by those like himself in confrontation and comparison with the Englishman. Very significantly, Forster fathered upon Aziz a shrewd observation: 'Aziz liked soldiers – they either accepted you or swore at you, which was preferable to the hauteur of the Englishman.'

Lt-Col Powell: love at first sight

I found the hint pregnant. In fact, the army, British or Indian, and soldiers in general, are totally absent from the *Passage*. If Pierre Loti's India was *Les Indes sans les Anglais*, Forster's India is India without the army. I much question if the attempt to depict or understand India under the Raj with that enormous omission is not foredoomed. It would in any event go far to account for the incompatibility of Forster's India with mine.

Unlike any other native army of the European colonial powers, the *Indian Army* was quite deliberately and self-consciously Indian: its language was Urdu, its European officers were on an extraordinarily *low cadre – a system derived from* the so-called irregular units of the Punjab, not from the East India Company's regiments – and success, *promotion and opportunity* lay for them through deep and thorough knowledge of the people and the country. Whoever else may have mistaken the army for an "Army of Occupation', the army itself did not. I write as one who was hardly ever out of uniform in India wherever he travelled, often alone, and whose encounter with India began less than a year after the 'rebellion' of 1942.

The word I constantly recur to when I attempt to describe the atmosphere up to a mere fifteen months of the sudden (and catastrophic) British withdrawal in 1947 is 'inevitability'. Whatever the politicians were saying and the papers were writing, the British seemed – seemed, I say, for all is hallucination – a natural part of the scene. The moon rose, the cow walked through the village, the British magistrate or officer went *about his duties, as if from time-immemorial*. In fact, in parts of Bihar within the present century the British were called 'the Muslims', so natural was their indentification with the dynasties of the past.

Dr Aziz and the officer played a chukka of polo together, 'the fire of good fellowship in their eyes'; but Forster could not leave it so. 'Nationality had returned, but before it could *exert its poison* [my italics] they parted, saluting each other. "If only they were all like that", each thought.' I wonder what Forster's *Passage* would have been like if – unimaginably – he had served there in a British line regiment and then, after that initiatory year, in an Indian unit.

Fielding, the English schoolmaster, is in his way as overdrawn *and caricatured as the other* European figures, though he is still a recognizable type and I could put two or three names and faces to it; *but Fielding is the subject of another* pregnant hint which perhaps complements the hint about Aziz liking soldiers. 'He had discovered that it *is possible to keep in with Indians* and Englishmen, but that he who would keep in with Englishwomen must drop the Indians. The two *wouldn't combine.' This is well-*trodden ground: ' "Do kindly tell us who these ladies are," asked Mrs Moore. "You're superior to them anyway. *Don't forget that. You're* superior to everyone in India except one or two of the Ranis, and they're on an equality." '

Two great causes enforced the situation described in Fielding's aphorism. In the first place, the totally different social conventions governing the life of Indian women, Muslim and to a lesser degree Hindu, raised between them and European women (and therefore *European mixed society) a barrier to* which no obstacle between European and Indian men was in any way comparable.

Only outside the bounds of mixed society – in the camp, on tour, or when, as in wartime, medicine or missionary work, performing anal*ogous roles to men* – would the European woman ever be in India other than a stranger at a distance in a strange land. This factor was intensified by the other. Soon after the middle of the nineteenth century, when improved conditions of communication and living made *it possible and therefore* unavoidable, the English family, civilian and to a lesser degree military, straddled uneasily and often unhappily the *poles apart of Britain and India.*

To this degree there is a core of truth beneath the crudity and bias with which, for all its literary skill, the plot of *A Passage to India* is woven. The dream that the British and the Indians dreamed together for so long, a dream unique in human history in its strangeness and its improbability, was bound to break one day. Even India, the land of hallucinations, could not preserve it for ever from its contradictions. This the wisest of the British in India had seen and known all along, though some *of us, under* the influence of our love affair, dared to believe otherwise. Yet the dream was always imperfect; it was a dream *that* only the men would ever dream.

Taken from the summer edition of The Folio Society quarterly magazine

Keith Waterhouse

Carrie on with the faking

Move over, David Irving. I have made the momentous discovery that one of the greatest diaries in the English language is, if not an out-and-out fake, then at best substantially doctored.

I refer to the celebrated journal of that bon vivant and wit of The *Laurels, Brickfield Terrace*, Holloway, Mr Charles Pooter, as immortalized by the Brothers Grossmith in *The Diary Of A Nobody*.

It happens that I have been preparing, for publication at Christmas under the title *Mrs Pooter's Diary*, the hitherto unknown (but fully authenticated) journal of Mr Pooter's long-suffering wife Carrie, which effectively holds up a distaff mirror to the record as set down in his clerkly copperplate.

Now I had long suspected that Charles Pooter somewhat tempered his account of life in the lower foothills of Victorian society to put himself in a better light. So it proves. Mrs Pooter's version of the Lord Mayor's Ball fiasco, for example (in which, incidentally, we learn the real truth of how the port-wine stain got on the invitation card) differs materially from his. Elsewhere – notably the period covering his frustrated ambition to breed Belgian Hare rabbits – there are prudent blanks in the Pooter chronicle, which Carrie Pooter now gleefully fills in.

Such minor cosmetic sins of omission and commission, understandable in a man of vanity, were to be expected. What I did not bargain for was bare-faced hanky-panky. Yet as, for purposes of comparison, I began to re-examine *The Diary Of A Nobody* more closely, it became clear that something was seriously amiss.

The *Diary* first appeared in book form in 1892, greatly expanded from extracts which had appeared in *Punch*. It covers nearly 16 months, though with frequent gaps of days or even weeks, the longest being the period between August 29 and October 30 when the charwoman Mrs Birrell (sometimes spelled Mrs Birrel) tore out a handful of pages as wrapping for kitchen leavings. Although the year chronicled is not given, an entry *will* sometimes identify the particular day of the week, usually the Sabbath. Comparison of the earliest such entry ("April 8 SUNDAY. The Curate . . . caught his foot in the scraper, and tore his trousers") against a perpetual calendar establishes that the *Diary* in fact bridges the years 1888-89.

Having myself drawn up blank diaries for 1888-89, the better to collate Mrs Pooter's newly discovered journal against her husband's, I now stumbled across a curious chronological quirk. Charles Pooter correctly identifies April 8, *15 and 29 as Sundays, likewise May* 6, likewise August 5, when young Willie Pooter makes the historic announcement that henceforth he wishes to be known as Lupin. Plain sailing so far. But then, after the missing pages *appropriated* by Mrs Birrell, we reach the entry: "November 5, SUNDAY. Carrie and I troubled about that mere boy Lupin getting engaged . . ."

But November 5 was not a Sunday. It was a Monday. Nor could November 12, when Pooter purports to have encountered Lupin's fiancée Daisy Mutlar on the way home from church, have been a Sunday either. Yet thus the Pooter calendar continues out of sync, all through November.

Now the readiest explanation is *that Charles Pooter is writing up his* diary in a blank book, and that in skipping a day from time to time he gets the odd date wrong. But that is not the case. As he tells us himself (October 30) he enters his "painstaking" (sic) record in "a large scribbling diary." (Not so painstaking, seemingly, that he notices the days of the week!)

Very well, then: perhaps after his diary's misuse at the hands of Mrs Birrell, from which it would have emerged covered in thumbprints and reeking of fat, Mr Pooter abandoned it in disgust and *then* resorted to blank pages? No so. The entry for December 17 begins: "As I open my scribbling diary . . ." But by the end of the year, when December 30 is correctly nominated as a Sunday, he has got his dates synchronized again.

We are unclear in what manner of volume Pooter continues his diary in 1889, for on January 1 he tells us that he means to discontinue it, but in view of the important news that he is to be promoted to the ranks of "one of the senior clerks," he intends to continue for a little longer on the fly-leaves of last year's diary. In the event he keeps up the diary until July 11 – somehow contriving to get his dates right until July 3, which he claims is a Sunday. But it is not, it is a Wednesday.

The discrepancy – which has been overlooked in edition after edition by generations upon generations of readers – must throw doubt on the authenticity of the whole volume. If the Pooter diary is not a forgery through and through, then there can be only one respectable explanation. Charles Pooter did keep a daily diary, but he considerably revised it after covertly examining his wife's own secret diary, suppressing, recasting or fudging those passages that most blatantly did not square with Mrs Pooter's more candid account of his doings. In his haste – it was probably a paste-and-scissors job – he got some of his dates mixed up.

Such, anyway, is my theory. Pooter scholars will suspend judgment until they have been able to examine *Mrs Pooter's Diary*.

Keith Waterhouse's novel, In The Mood, *is published on Monday by Michael Joseph, price £7.95.*

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Richard Owen

Andropov, victim of his own news squeeze

Shortly before being posted to Moscow, I went to see Malcolm Muggeridge. He had reported from Russia for the *Manchester Guardian* in the 1930s, and suggested that the Soviet leadership today has exactly the same attitude to the western press. It hates it, but finds it useful to channel and amplify Soviet aims and attitudes. The Kremlin therefore strikes a balance between restriction and toleration.

The balance is now tipping towards restriction. Since John Osman of the BBC left Moscow in December to join the royal entourage as court correspondent, the BBC has made repeated efforts to persuade the Russians to accept a new Moscow correspondent. The Russians have repeatedly refused. They will grant occasional visas to visiting BBC men but they will not have Mark Braine, who is at present the BBC correspondent in Vienna, possibly because he is too well informed about Eastern Europe.

The BBC case is one of a number of recent attempts by the Andropov regime to dictate to western news organizations whom they may or may not send to Moscow. The Kremlin is placing the western press under siege, and Britain appears to *be a particular target. Of the major* national dailies, *The Guardian* has no Moscow office. Last month the *Financial Times* correspondent, *Tony Robinson, was expelled on a* charge of "inadmissible activities" – evidently the Russian euphemism for telling the truth. Now comes the final *niet* to the BBC.

British newsmen are not the only target. The foreign editor of *Le Monde*, Jacques Amalric, explained *in a lengthy article last month* why the paper was refusing to offer an alternative candidate for Moscow correspondent. *Le Monde*, a liberal *paper widely read* by the French establishment, has had no Moscow coverage for more than a year. The correspondent of *Le Figaro* has been harassed, as have West German and Scandinavian journalists. Last year the correspondent of the American magazine *Newsweek* was expelled. Like most of the others of whom the Kremlin disapproves, he had extensive experience of Eastern Europe, and in particular of Poland.

All western newsmen are assumed to be intelligence-gatherers, presumably because the majority of Soviet journalists are expected to report to the KGB. The assumption that reporting and news analysis are virtually inseparable from spying is widely held in the Third World.

Western journalists in Moscow have to report under difficult conditions. There is a dearth of information of all kinds, and no regular briefings or press conferences are held. Routine telephone inquiries are met by a baffled silence. ("Yes, this is the Central Committee. No, I cannot tell you anything at all.") Correspondents have to judge where the truth lies – from Politburo changes to likely shifts in arms policy – by cultivating contacts, reading between the lines, and weighing up rumour against precedents and inside knowledge. There is no overt censorship, but all articles are carefully scrutinized, with expulsion as the ultimate sanction. Western journalists are frequently warned of the perils of commenting on the health of Soviet leaders. This naturally only has the effect of increasing curiosity about Mr Andropov's kidneys. Travel is restricted, and whole areas are closed.

"Why do you concentrate on the negative aspects of Soviet life?" is a frequent official complaint. Like "Have you stopped beating your wife?" the question is illogical. Russian officials find it difficult to understand that since a great deal of Soviet life *is* negative, it must be reported as such. The Kremlin may wish to disguise the dead hand of the police state on foreign policy, daily life, and the economy. But western newsmen are expected to report these realities as well as the warmth, humanity and engaging off-beat behaviour of the Russian people.

Presumably, the Russians hope that a rapid turn-over of relatively "green" reporters will enable them to confuse the western press and hence *western readers. This is a sad* delusion. For one thing, Moscow is the one world capital where all foreign correspondents – even the *French – cooperate closely with one* another. For another, experienced correspondents actually help the Kremlin by making turgid *Pravda* and Tass articles *digestible and* literate for western consumption. When Mr Andropov wants to get his views across, he frequently does so *through* the western media, as he did last month by calling in the West German magazine, *Der Spiegel*.

The Kremlin and the press need each other, and it is short-sighted of the Russians to upset what Dr Henry Kissinger used to call an "adversarial relationship". The dwindling band of British correspondents in Moscow will continue to report a fascinating mixture of shambles and achievement which is Soviet Russia, and in doing so may still help to break down the kind of mystery and myth which leads to misunderstanding and miscalculation. The main loser is Mr Andropov, who for the time being at least will not be able to find out what is going on in his own country by tuning in to the BBC.

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TIME TO DECIDE

The local election results are in. They may be open to a variety of interpretations, but there is nothing in them which can provide any convincing evidence to dissuade the Prime Minister from a June election if that is her intention. It is very hard to see how it could not be her intention, given the fact that she has not – whatever she says to the contrary – taken active steps to allay or dispel the speculation which has grown apace ever since she returned from the Falklands in January.

Any Prime Minister is entitled to weigh up the evidence before reaching such a decision. It has traditionally been more personal to the office of Prime Minister than any other in Cabinet government. This weekend, with her advisers at Chequers, Mrs Thatcher now has that opportunity. On Monday – certainly by Tuesday morning at the latest – she must take the whole nation into her confidence. It would be extremely unwise, to say the least, to play about with this imponderable for another session of Prime Minister's Questions on Tuesday.

Theoretically, the choices she has before her this weekend are for June or no June and, if the former, when in June. In practice the expectation of an election has made it almost inconceivable that Mrs Thatcher will now seek further delay. Apart from anything else she would not thereby dim the lights. The body politic would merely look ahead to October and resign itself to a four month bout of pre-election fever instead of a short sharp spasm lasting only a few weeks.

The man in the street is certainly less taken up with elections than any member of the political establishment. But even he cannot indefinitely remain immune to the speculation which has continued to rise week by week. The financial, bureaucratic and commercial worlds have not remained unaffected either. Though Mrs Thatcher's purpose has been to close no option, the effect now of closing the June option would not be to restore a stable climate in which business decisions could be made, but rather to prolong the period of uncertainty. Moreover though her Party would muffle its criticism of her, and support her through to October – or even until next year if necessary – there would now be a general sense of political let-down and procrastination which would be very damaging to the authority of the Government.

That is a pity, but hardly unexpected in view of the way election speculation can acquire a self-fulfilling dynamic of its own. So if June: when? A Prime Minister's diary is full every day and every week of the year. There are engagements even now in Mrs Thatcher's diary which could be held to inhibit her choice of a date in 1984. Naturally therefore the next five or six weeks are a congestion of summits, state visits, and official visitors.

The governmental machine will have to weigh up all these factors. The Prime Minister's attendance or non-attendance at the European Summit could easily influence the nature of an agreement on the important issue of Britain's rebate from the European budget. There is the Williamsburg summit at the end of May, which the Prime Minister is keen to attend. It is important that the Queen's business, in all its aspects, is carried on – indeed part of the tradition of continuity in British politics relies on that requirement being observed, even at times of election.

However there is no convincing argument for letting any one of these events determine the election timing, since, in reality, they will all occur during an election period, whatever the precise timetable of the official campaign. It would be better therefore to get the business over with; and quickly.

THE COMMISSION MAKES A START

At last the European Commission has come up with detailed proposals for the reform of the Community budget. One should not expect that they will immediately satisfy all member states. That would be nothing short of a miracle. What is needed is a realistic starting-point for negotiations, first in the Council of Ministers and then at the European Council (summit), which meets in Stuttgart on June 6 and 7.

Clearly the proposals as they stand fall short of Britain's objectives. They do not suggest that member states' contributions should be based straightforwardly on their gross national product, as most people in Britain would think fair. No doubt the Commission felt that so radical a departure from the Community's original principles would have no real chance of being accepted by some other member governments, notably France.

Instead, it proposes that the present system of assessment should continue, *except* for that part (at present roughly half) of the cost of the common agricultural policy which exceeds 33 per cent of the total budget. The cost of such excess agricultural spending would be shared among the member states according to a complicated formula taking into account their share in the production of the agricultural products covered by the policy, their per capita gross domestic product, and their contribution to the Community's "net operating surplus".

Under that formula, Britain's share of the cost would come down from nineteen to eleven per cent while those of France, Holland, Denmark and Italy would go up. The effect would be to cut Britain's deficit with the Community by something between a third and a half.

That is unlikely to be good enough for Mrs Thatcher, who is said to be looking for a permanent reduction in the deficit of at least two-thirds. Under the Commission's proposals the only way she could get this would be through a shift of Community expenditure away from agriculture towards other sectors which would benefit Britain more. Clearly the Commission's formula is intended to achieve this over time. Its implication is that 33 per cent, as opposed to the present 65, would be a normal proportion of the budget for agriculture to consume; and its effect is to discourage the present beneficiaries of the CAP from pushing for a higher proportion than this by making them bear a larger share of the cost.

Yet it is fairly clear that the Commission does not expect this to happen through an actual reduction of spending on agriculture as an absolute sum. The reduction would be relative, resulting from an increase in the total budget with which agricultural spending would not keep pace. The Commission believes that in any case the total budget is bound to go on rising, and cannot be contained beyond the end of next year within the one per cent of value added tax earmarked for it by the treaties.

The British Government, officially at least, does not agree. And it is right not to agree, in as much as a lot of the money now spent by the Community is ill spent on financing (and storing) unusable surpluses of perishable products. But politically, alas, the Commission is almost certainly right. It is not realistic to expect governments to sanction an actual reduction in agricultural spending. The French government at any rate, already at loggerheads with doctors, students and shopkeepers, is hardly going to risk a peasants' revolt for the sake of good housekeeping in Brussels, still less for the sake of the British taxpayer.

The best we can hope for is to slow down the growth of agricultural spending, and to make sure that what growth there is is more than matched by expenditure from which we do benefit. We should also make strenuous efforts to overcome Viscount Davignon's objections to an energy import tax.

It is an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and especially for the present British Government which regards public expenditure of any sort as a very dubious way of helping the British economy. The fact that in this case it would be public expenditure financed in large part by our European partners may be good for the balance of payments, but not necessarily good for the country in any other sense. The government will rightly be determined, in the hard bargaining ahead, to keep not only agricultural spending but Community spending as a whole within reasonable bounds. One point in the Commission's proposals which it should certainly not countenance is the suggestion that the House of Commons should give the Community a kind of direct debit mandate to vote itself further increases in revenue without ratification by national parliaments. The European parliament is a useful controller of agreed resources, but should not be given the power to increase those resources at will.

IRELAND NURSES HER NEUTRALITY

It was bad luck once again for Mr Prior. He had gone to Dublin on a fence-mending expedition. Not only was his walkabout at the Spring Show washed out by a downpour but his entire mission was almost torpedoed by his abrasive colleague at the defence ministry, who had touched the nerve of Irish neutrality the day before. Just as Mr Prior was sitting down to tea and courtesy with Dr FitzGerald the Irish ambassador in London was firing off a note of pained protest to the Foreign Office.

What Mr Heseltine had said about Irish neutrality was what the trade unionist says about the free-rider: that Europe's small neutrals enjoy the benefits of security provided by the defence efforts of others, adding that the Soviet Union would walk all over them given the chance in a European war. It sounded good in Belfast where the words were spoken. In Dublin it provoked disorder in the Dail and resentment right across the political landscape. Mr Heseltine is new to diplomatic duties.

Irish neutrality has a flavour of its own. It is not of the third world variety. Ideological neutrality is no part of it. In the diffused contest between international communism and the democratic liberalism of western Europe and north America Ireland stands squarely where geography places her. Nor is Irish neutrality quite the same as that of Europe's professional neutrals, Switzerland, Austria and Sweden. It is compatible with the fair degree of political alignment required by membership of the European Community. Ireland fully participates in the EEC process known as European Political Cooperation, even down to consideration of the political aspect of security matters. It draws the line only at strictly military matters, and they are at present outside the ambit of the Community.

The posture of ideological commitment, political alignment and military neutrality is valued by most citizens of the Republic – although there were many who thought Mr Haughey's adjustment of the posture during the reconquest of the Falkland Islands was needlessly and provocatively niggling. It gives Ireland greater acceptability among third world governments, and an enlarged role with the United Nations. It also serves to proclaim Ireland's sovereign independence of Great Britain, a need which history makes felt.

The policy therefore possesses a vitality of its own. It is a way of international life in which the Republic feels comfortable. Yet it is rooted in the partition of the island, a fact which gives Irish neutrality another peculiarity, its provisional character. Its provisional character is quite unofficial, the policy has been given a rationale unrelated to the border, but there have been hints enough that if there were to be a settlement of the northern question satisfactory to the Republic, an obstacle to Ireland's participation in Nato would be removed. The value of its contribution would be territorial, the provision of bases affording the allies' defences a longer reach into the North Atlantic. This contribution is withheld while, to state the condition crudely, British troops occupy land over which the Republic persists in making some sort of claim to jurisdiction.

The most riling thing about Mr Heseltine's remark for Irish political ears is that it was made while he was reviewing troops in the corner of the island which is a province of the United Kingdom. Not only did they have him chiding them for an international role they have every right to play, but he did it while perching on the very grievance in which their neutrality is anchored. Very provoking, but not very serious. No one should deny Ireland the right to determine its own external policies, nor should Ireland's neighbours be denied the liberty to state home truths about those policies. The incident should not be allowed to rankle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Three-way divide for parties on TV

From Lord Aylestone

Sir, With a general election maybe weeks rather than months ahead, and the possibility of three solid weeks of party political broadcasting on both television and radio, I vividly recall experiences learned from both sides of the fence, as Leader of the House of Common and later as Chairman of the IBA, of the problems which arise for the broadcasting authorities and the political parties. The main problem is the fair allocation of time on the air.

Whilst there is no statutory obligation for them to do so, the broadcasting authorities usually try to find peak viewing time for the parties and to do everything possible to aid the democratic processes of electioneering. They of course realise that the public generally tend to endure rather than enjoy party political broadcasts.

The allocation of time to each political party is a matter for the "ad hoc" Committee on Political Broadcasting, comprising the authorities (BBC and IBA) and the main political parties

In the next general election the committee will have new situations to consider which did not apply in the last general election. There is a new political force in the field in the SDP/Liberal Alliance; there are many altered parliamentary constituencies and many sitting MPs are contesting new constituencies

Bearing these facts in mind and that in the 13 by-elections since the SDP was formed in 1981 the Conservatives, Labour and the Alliance have each secured just over 30 per cent of the total votes cast, there is no doubt that there are now three main political parties. It may be argued that the Alliance is in fact two parties, which is of course true, but is it not equally true of the Labour Party, which is split down the middle on the questions of defence, Nato and membership of the EEC?

My own view is that having taken into consideration the entitlement of the smaller political parties, such as Plaid Cymru and the Scottish nationalists, and any other party having nominated candidates for an agreed minimum of seats, then the bulk of the time allotted for party political broadcasts should be divided equally between the three main parties, each of which proposes to contest every constituency in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
AYLESTONE,
House of Lords.
May 4.

Rewarding volunteers

From the Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled

Sir, Mr J. Fleming (May 2) says that "a youngster wishing to do voluntary work must forfeit his unemployment benefit." This is not true.

To receive unemployment benefit (or supplementary benefit) an unemployed person must of course be "available for work" – ie, willing and able to take a job, or attend an interview, if opportunity occurs. But doing voluntary work is not in itself incompatible with this; and in March, 1982, we introduced a special easement of the rules so that someone providing a service which he cannot abandon at the drop of a hat is considered to be available if he can make himself available with 24 hours' notice.

At the same time we brought out a new leaflet (NI 240) on "Voluntary work and social security benefits" to explain and publicise the scope for doing such work *without* losing benefit.

We also introduced last year (and have doubled this year) the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme under which a number of major voluntary organisations administer DHSS grants to create such opportunities. This is already helping some 400 projects with about 15,000 volunteers – and it is in fact a *condition* of the grants that the projects must be such as *not* to deprive volunteers of benefit.

The Manpower Services Commission have also introduced a somewhat similar Voluntary Projects Programme.

Yours faithfully,
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Railway architecture

From Mr Nigel Wikeley

Sir, A word or two of reassurance. When your correspondent (May 3) next comes up to town from deepest Kidderminster he will *not* be affronted by an office building on the forecourt of Charing Cross station.

The new building is intended to form a third side to the forecourt and I am confident that old and new will complement each other. The design is by Casson Condor and Partners.

On a slightly different but connected note: much as I appreciated Charles McKean's piece about the salvation of Denmark Hill station (April 25) – having supplied the author with drawings you will understand it was read here with close attention – that pleasure was to some extent vitiated by a minor outburst of journalistic vandalism: chucking bricks at our "steel and glass boxes".

Perhaps Mr McKean prefers Noddy buildings to honest design?

Yours, etc,
NIGEL WIKELEY, Regional architect,
Chief Architects' Department,
British Railways Board,
Southern House,
Wellesley Grove,
Croydon,
Surrey.
May 4.

Peaceful means in Central America

From Mr F. G. Dawson

Sir, Your April 29 leading article, "Down Mexico way", discussing the Central American crisis concludes that "it must be more sensible to help put out the fire than to argue about how to do it". With respect, I disagree. It is precisely because the strategies applied by the Reagan Administration are self-defeating and ineffective that alternative measures are urgently required.

Arming and training Nicaraguan rebels to invade their homeland violates article 15 of the 1948 Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which stipulates: "No state or group of states has the right to intervene directly or indirectly for any reason whatever in the internal or external affairs of any other state."

Although in El Salvador intervention is by invitation, international lawyers doubt if consent by a beleaguered government fighting a civil war can provide a valid exception to article 15.

There are precedents and machinery which can still be applied as alternative strategies to resolve the Central American dilemma in a manner more compatible with international law and more likely to obtain cooperation and support from Latin American leaders.

In 1922, in response to regional political instability and revolutionary disorder, the United States invited representatives from the Central American nations to a peace conference in Washington. The participants signed a General Treaty of Peace and Amity in which each government – the United States was not a signatory – pledged not to intervene in any of the others' internal affairs, not to intervene in favour or against the government of another republic in the case of a civil war, and not to permit its territory to be used to organize revolutionary movements against the recognized government of any other Central American nation.

Using the 1922 conference and the General Treaty of Peace and Amity as examples, a new peace conference could now be convened by invoking the peace-keeping machinery provided in the OAS Charter and in the 1947 Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance. Participants could include, in addition to the five Central American nations, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and the United States.

The objectives would be to formulate a set of reciprocal undertakings against intervention and aggression, to be policed by a multinational force under the aegis of the OAS.

As your leading article emphasizes, European nations have a strategic interest in a peaceful resolution of Central American problems. Hopefully European statesmen can persuade American policy-makers that unilateral intervention cannot stop the violence, nor create the conditions in which the socio-economic inequities at the root of the present tragedy can be alleviated.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GRIFFITH DAWSON,
Wolfson College,
Cambridge.
May 3.

Disarmament talks

From Mr Ronald Dore

Sir, Surely, especially after Andropov's concession, we should not wait for the agreement of the French to show our willingness to have British weapons counted in at the INF talks in Geneva. Logic, after all, is on Andropov's side.

The strategic/theatre distinction is purely conventional and conventions only work in a dialogue when *both* sides accept them. And why should the Russians accept this one when Moscow and Kiev could be equally well incinerated by Polaris or by cruise, fired from the *same* distances, from the *same* national territory, on the orders of the *same* set of people, albeit with a different pattern of initiative and veto powers?

Some momentum in the disarmament talks is urgently needed. The INF talks are the obvious place to start. Some compromise is necessary to break the deadlock and a British willingness to accept the Andropov equation might provide it, even without the French going along.

The Russians, after all, could reasonably be expected to accept the argument that Britain is in Nato and France is not, even if they remain sceptical of the fiction that France's *tous azimuths* missiles point west as much as east.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD DORE,
157 Surrenden Road,
Brighton,
East Sussex.

CND and politics

From Mr Patrick Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe (Labour)

Sir, You have confined your enquiries at Westminster about the role of Mgr Bruce Kent as general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to Catholic Conservative and SDP MPs. Inevitably, the case against such involvement by Mgr Bruce Kent is almost made, and Cardinal Basil Hume is correspondingly embarrassed.

Had you also sounded out Catholic Labour MPs you would have arrived at a more balanced report. To begin with, they would agree with the Archbishop of Liverpool, Mgr Derek Worlock, whom you report as stating that the "question at issue is about the ministry of a priest and not about whether CND is a valid Christian option". That is to say, they would regard the possession and use of nuclear weapons as numbering among the great moral issues of our time and would advocate the right indeed, the duty, of all Christians, especially priests, to speak out on these matters.

I would go further. Though a multilateralist, I recognise the immense contribution of CND in defining and articulating arms control to a greater degree in the present generation than ever before. It has promoted a dialogue that might otherwise be absent.

Though I entertain the profoundest doubts about how far the nuclear threshold can be raised by unilateral action, I recognise that CND has deployed arguments that can cut through some of the web and complexities of international relations. It is not concerned exclusively for the realpolitik of present Nato/Warsaw Pact relations, but for their ethical content and the wellbeing of future generations.

It is, then, a moral crusade and one that quite properly calls in some of its aspects for the ministry of a priest. It is entirely fitting, therefore, in my judgment, that there should be a place among its leaders for Mgr Bruce Kent, as there was for Canon Collins on a previous occasion.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK DUFFY,
House of Commons.
April 28.

Portable pensions

From Mr Alan G. Saunders

Sir, Your editorial today (April 28), "Have pension, will travel", suggests that Government action is necessary to allow portable pensions. In fact, legislation is not required as the portable pension already exists and lives within the existing legislative framework.

The "portable executive pension" which our company launched last year, anticipated the approach mooted by the Centre for Policy Studies and means that an employer can now enter one or more employees into a central pension trust. This allows the employee to stay in the one pension scheme all his working life, irrespective of the number of job changes. The concept is simple and effective and avoids the necessity of the employee having to transfer from one pension scheme to another by, instead, having his current employer enter in and, upon a change of job, out of the central trust. This is even achieved with a simplified (i.e., one-page) documentation.

The present difficulties surrounding the transfer of pension rights stem partly from the arbitrary limits on benefits imposed by the Inland Revenue and partly from employers imposing unnecessary "conditions of employment" restrictions on pensions scheme members.

As most pension schemes in this country are governed by Inland Revenue discretion, rather than statute, greater flexibility on the part of the Superannuation Funds Office would significantly boost acceptance of the portability concept. Some re-education of employers would then help to complete the job.

Thus it is not new laws that are required but strong governmental encouragement for change and a greater willingness on the part of employers to forgo their own outdated restrictive practices.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN G. SAUNDERS, Chairman,
Saunders French (Pensions Administration) Ltd,
49 Bath Street,
Glasgow.
April 28.

Real and ideal

From Professor B. G. Mitchell

Sir, In the course of his article today (May 2) on certain developments in Roman Catholic moral theology, which he welcomes, Clifford Longley remarks that "Anglican moral theology, on the other hand, has been able to offer little beyond marginal notes on contemporary secular ethics". This is an odd judgment in view of the fact that the most representative Anglican documents, the reports on problems of social ethics prepared for the General Synod's Board for Social Responsibility, have, for almost 20 years at least, conformed closely to the pattern Mr Longley now detects in Roman Catholic thinking.

Whether the issue is suicide, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality or divorce and remarriage, the tenor of the argument is the same. The Christian tradition is found to yield a strong moral imperative – against taking one's own life, against killing the innocent, against sex outside marriage, against the dissolution of marriage; but it is then recognized that there may be cases in which to insist on an absolute prohibition would threaten the values underlying the principle itself or other values to which the Christian is committed. This is what Mr Longley calls common sense.

The debate in the Church of England about the most recent and most substantial of these reports, *The Church and the Bomb*, revolves around the same basic problem: granted that it is intrinsically wrong to use nuclear weapons, can the threat to use them be justified if it may reasonably be expected to make war less likely?

There is no sharp disjunction between Roman Catholic and Anglican approaches to these problems and those of us who have been involved over the years in the Anglican reports have found with gratitude that they have been most sympathetically reviewed in the Roman Catholic press.

Yours sincerely,
BASIL MITCHELL,
Wootton by Woodstock,
Oxfordshire.

Appeal of bells in Washington

From Mr James Collins

Sir, One hundred and seventy one years after burning torches were set to the White House in the conflict of 1812, our distinguished cousins across the Atlantic came to Washington to present to the United States Congress the Ditchley Bells.

On April 19, 1983, the Ditchley Bells reverberated their majestic ring from the 315ft tower of the Old Post Office Building (the tower is higher than any other structure in Washington save for the monument to America's "first George" – Washington) and for a brief and shimmering moment one could sense the overpowering kinship shared between the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Indeed the Ditchley Foundation's gift to the United States Congress, on the anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, is surely destined to take on the irresistible spirit of the Statute of Liberty. Their ringing palpitations are readily heard across Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House and upwards on Constitution to the Congress.

Their remarkable resonance signals not only the magnificent message of political union between two nations sharing the iron-like anchor of history but rather a union of family, the likes of which no two nations on earth have ever shared.

At the presentation ceremony there were glistening eyes everywhere – British eyes and American eyes – eyes that stared upwards at the Old Post Office's 196ft skylight above in silent salute to the marvelous echo to liberty sounded by bells patterned after those in Westminster.

The Vice-President of the United States spoke; her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra spoke; the Right Hon Paul Channon transmitted a message from Prime Minister Thatcher; and finally, on that nineteenth day of April, the Speaker of the House called out, "Ring Ditchley Bells, ring . . ." And just then, one's mind took a quantum leap backwards, back to Runnymede and Philadelphia, back to the Battle of Hastings and Valley Forge, back to the English "Bill of Rights" and the American Bill of Rights, back to Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence – cousins standing together, inextricably (a word used many times on that glorious day).

As a result of the great imagination and prodigious industry of Sir David Wills, every schoolchild who travels to Washington and every president entrusted with power will be equally reminded of the peace and friendship equally shared between our two peoples.

Cordially,
JAMES COLLINS,
3141 P Street NW,
Washington D.C. 20007, USA.
April 28.

Child thieves abroad

From Mr W. Maurice Allen

Sir, The child thieves of Sacré Coeur are clearly professional and Miss Patricia O'Brien's description of their mode of operation (April 27) most accurate. I visited Sacré Coeur with five colleagues to listen to the evening service on Ash Wednesday last. Within a few minutes the children approached and lifted my wallet from my inside pocket and also the contents of a colleague's inside pocket.

The priests at the service could, at best, be described as passively interested in crimes committed within their church. The local police were helpful, but not hopeful of solving what appears to be a repetitive crime occurring within and around Sacré Coeur.

Thank goodness for UK insurance companies!

Yours sincerely,
W. MAURICE ALLEN,
Sprucecroft,
Upper Basildon,
Nr Reading,
Berkshire.
April 28.

Unemployed doctors

From Mrs Patricia Diggory

Sir, The Deputy Chairman of the BMA junior staff committee reports that between 2,000 and 3,000 doctors are unemployed and fears that 20,000 will be unemployed by the end of the century (*The Times*, May 2).

Having noted that my son and daughter-in-law, both junior hospital doctors, have had contracts to work hours in excess of 100 per week, it seems to me that the problems of unemployed doctors could be better solved if the hours worked by junior doctors were legally restricted in the same way as those worked by airline pilots or heavy-duty vehicle drivers.

Most of us would feel less apprehensive if we knew that the doctor who admits us to hospital was not suffering from gross lack of sleep.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA DIGGORY,
10 Campden Hill Square, W8.
May 2.

Taking a rise?

From Mr Peter L. G. Bateman

Sir, Mr Drain, of Nalgo, has announced the spending of £1m on a publicity campaign against cuts in spending, part of which will be devoted to purchasing a hot-air balloon.

Is this the first trade union actually to decide to send itself up?

Yours sincerely,
PETER L. G. BATEMAN,
Poynings,
The Limes,
Felbridge,
East Grinstead,
West Sussex.
May 4.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 6: Mr James Mellon was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Copenhagen.

Mrs Mellon had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Señor Luis M de Posadas was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Uruguay to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Señor Adolfo Castells (Minister), Captain Ruben Gonzalez (Naval Attaché), Colonel Fernan Amado (Military Attache) and Dr Alberto Leopoldo Fajardo (First Secretary).

Señora de Posadas had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr A. H. Brind was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as British High Commisioner to the Republic of Malawi.

Mrs Brind had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited St George's School, Windsor.

Having been received upon arrival by the Right Reverend Michael Mann (Dean of Windsor and Chairman of the Governors) and Mr Richard Russell (Headmaster), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the school and met pupils and members of the staff.

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Right Hon. Sir Philip Moore and Squadron Leader Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, was present this evening at a reception given by the Windsor and Eton Football Club at the Hart and Garter Hotel, Windsor.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs, arrived at Gatwick Airport – London this morning from Pakistan.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Glenarthur (Lord in Waiting) called upon the Governor-General of Canada and Mrs Schreyer at the Residence of the High Commissioner for Canada this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed Their Excellencies on *their arrival in this country.*

A memorial service for Dr Herbert Howells will be held at St John's College, Cambridge, at noon today.

A memorial service for Canon Thomas Halliwell will be held at Trinity College, Carmarthen, today at 3.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. C. Hamilton and Miss S. R. Courtauld
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Stanhope Hamilton and the late Mrs Hamilton, and Susanna, younger daughter of the late Augustine Courtauld and of Lady Butler of Saffron Walden

Mr D A. McGonigal and Miss J. E. Russell
The engagement is announced between David Ambrose, younger son of the late Right Hon Lord Justice McGonigal and Lady McGonigal, of Spennithorne, Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, and Janet Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Russell, of Tranmere Park, Guisely, Yorkshire.

Mr E. J. E. Leigh and Miss M. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Sir Neville and Lady Leigh, of Barnes, London, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Goodman, of Kensington, London.

Mr S. J. Allen and Miss R. J. Hockey
The engagement is announced between Stephen John Allen and Ruth Joyce, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hockey.

Mr D. Ballington and Miss V. J. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between David, second son of the late Mr B. T. Ballington and of Mrs M. Ballington, of Grindleford, Derbyshire, and Vanessa Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wilkinson, of Sandygate Park, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Mr D. A. Connell and Miss M. E. Pringle
The engagement is announced between Douglas Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. T. Connell, of Callander, Perthshire, and Majorie Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr A. N. Pringle, of Edinburgh, and the late Mrs M. S. Pringle, and stepdaughter of Mrs A. M. D. Pringle.

Mr G. E. Cound and Mrs S. C. B. Mitchell-Kind
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. E. Cound, of Swansea, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. Mitchell, of Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire.

Mr P. A. Dawson and Miss S. L. Franklin
The engagement is announced between Paul Amager, only son of Mr Bruce Amager Dawson, of London, SW1, and Mrs D. F. Dawson, of Wimbledon, and Serena Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Sidney James Franklin, of The Dower House, Hexton, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. A. Flower and Miss H. L. Dealtry
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Flower, of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Dealtry, of Riehen, Switzerland.

Mr S. C. Mackie and Miss C. M. Fussell
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Wing Commander and Mrs G. Mackie, of Long Ditton, Surrey, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. E. Fussell, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr T. R. Matter and Miss J. D. Dungay
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr R. E. Matter and the late Mrs M. A. M. Matter, of Zurich, Switzerland, and Jill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Dungay, of Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Senor A. Navarro and Miss F. Blakemore
The engagement is announced between Alberto Navarro, son of the late Srs de Navarro, of Cadiz, Spain, and Felicity, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Blakemore, of Albrighton, Shropshire. The marriage will take place shortly in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr M. Pruen and Miss E. Meredith
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Pruen, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Eliza, younger daughter of the late Nicholas Meredith, MC and Mrs Brewster Mason, of 90 Campden Hill Road, W8.

Mr G. M. Rawlinson and Miss E. L. Campbell
The engagement is announced between George, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Rawlinson, of Crackington Haven, Cornwall, and Lucy, daughter of the late Dr John Campbell, and Mrs Yoland Campbell, of Warren Row, Berkshire.

Mr H. W. Spanner and Miss R. D. Burns
The engagement is announced between Huw Whitfield, youngest son of Professor and Mrs D. C. Spanner, of Grove, Oxfordshire, and Ruth Deborah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Burns, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

Mr H. W. A. Palmer and Miss C. M. Jackson
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 30, at St Mary's Church, Easton, between Mr Howard Palmer, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Palmer, and Miss Catherine Jackson, eldest daughter of the late Brigadier Tom Jackson and Mrs Colin Macpherson.

A reception was held at the bride's home

St Clare's, Oxford

Mr T. Agerbak will take up his appointment as Principal of St Clare's on September 1, 1983, on the retirement of Miss Anne Dreydel. Speech Day is on Saturday, May 28. Old students wishing to attend a farewell garden party and/or dinner for Miss Dreydel on Saturday, June 18 are asked to apply to the secretary.

Latest wills

Mrs Elsie Rene Tritton, of Canterbury and Grosvenor Square, Mayfair, London, left estate valued at £4,129,347 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Aldred, Mr Ivan Charles, of Farnham, Surrey £206,291
Anderson, Mrs Cecilia Margaret, of Haveringland, Norfolk......£222,891

Ensuring the future of parish records

When Thomas Cromwell, Vicar General of Henry VIII, issued Injunctions in 1538 on behalf of the Crown he could scarcely have forseen that the following item would have been the subject of so much legislation, controversy, interest and sometimes neglect:

"Item, that you and every parson, vicar or curate within this diocese, shall for every church keep one book or register; wherein ye shall write the day and year of every *wedding, christening, and burying,* made within your parish for your time and so every man succeeding you likewise ..."

Issued in the very year of the dissolution of the greater monasteries, by the man who was the chief agent in their dissolution, it is no wonder they were received with mixed feelings. Within the State Papers there is a letter from Sir Piers Edgcombe dated April 20, 1539 where he points out the misgivings and "greate fear" that the injunctions had created in the counties of Devon and Cornwall.

Despite these controversial beginnings, and in some cases, very late start, the keeping of parish registers commenced throughout England and Wales.

However, the survival rate from this period is very low: in the Diocese of Canterbury, for example, out of 264 ancient parishes only 30 registers were stated in the survey of 1922 to go back to 1538.

Later legislation did not assist: in 1597 a Constitution was made by the Convocation of Canterbury and later embodied in the Canon 70 of 1603, when it was ordered that the registers had to be copied up into parchment books "so far as the ancient books thereof can be procured".

R. E. Chester Waters, in his *Parish Registers in England* of 1887, summarized an earlier work on the subject written in 1862 in which the following catalogue of the wilful destruction of the registers makes the *Parochial Registers and Records Measure,* passed in 1978 by the General Synod, at least 100 years too late.

"They [parish registers] were cut up for patterns by tailors and lacemakers, mutilated by collectors of autographs and sold for waste paper, almost without remonstrance, except from a few indignant antiquaries. The parchment books suffered more than the paper ones from the greater number of uses to which the materials could be turned. In one parish in Sussex they were cut up by the clergyman into slips, which he used as labels for adressing baskets of game; and when Mr Bell inquired for the early registers at Christchurch in Hampshire, for the purpose of producing them in the House of Lords as evidence in the Huntingdon peerage case, he found they had been converted into kettle-holders by the wife of a former curate."

It is and was hoped by many that the recent Parochial Records Measure would do much to bring into safe custody those records that had suffered from such neglect by past generations and many dioceses have indeed conformed not only with the letter of the measure but also with the spirit of the proposals.

Perhaps one of the most important provisions of the measure is the survey that is in progress throughout the parishes of England and Wales which will be the first of its kind in many dioceses for a great many years; the last national survey being in 1812. It will show how previous custodians have treated their records; experience suggests that this will not compare any more favourably than earlier surveys.

Lately the interest in the material contained in parish registers has increased enormously with the upsurge of family and local history societies, with the result that some parishes that still have their records have derived a not insignificant income from searches in their earlier records. (The search fees are £3.50 for the first hour, or part of it, and £2.50 for each subsequent hour.)

In such days of economic restraint it is hardly surprising that many should not only feel that the fees are justified but also rightfully collected. Nonetheless it would seem that these parish records which contain such priceless records of the history of our nation, whatever our ancestors' position in life, should no longer be subject to the care of the incumbent and PCC, and should be looked upon as part of our national heritage to be preserved for future generations. They were started with a Royal Injunction, perhaps it will need another Royal Command to make their deposit compulsory.

Duncan Harrington

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A greeting for Catholicos Vazgen, the Supreme Patriarch of the Armenian Church, when he visited the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, at Lambeth Palace yesterday. The Patriarch is here for an 11-day visit.

Dinners

Gray's Inn
The Treasurer of Gray's Inn, Professor Ronald Graveson, QC, and Masters of the Bench entertained the following guests at dinner in hall on Thursday, it being Grand Day of Easter Term:
The Portuguese Ambassador, the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Maclean, Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Wilberforce, Marshal of the RAF Lord Cameron of Balhousie, Sir Robert Armstrong, Dame Mary Green, Dame Diana Reader Harris, Sir Rawden Temple, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, Judge Sir Robert Jennings, the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, Professor B A Wortley, QC, Major-General W M Allen and Mr Richard Elliott.

Farriers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests of honour at a livery dinner held by the Farriers' Company yesterday at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr E A Styles, and Mrs Styles, the Upper Warden, Mr H J Cooper, and the Renter Warden, Mr Deputy A B Wilson, received the guests. The speakers were Mr Deputy L B Prince, the Lord Mayor, the Renter Warden Alderman Sir Edward Howard and the Master.

Lord Brockway
Lord Brockway entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday. There were present:
The High Commissioner for India and Shrimati Sara Beevi Muhammad, the High Commissioner of Swaziland and Mrs G M Mamba, Mr H H Ismail (Dominican Republic) and Dr R U Hingorani, chairman.

E. W. Gilbert Club
The E. W. Gilbert Club last night held its tenth anniversary dinner at Hertford College, Oxford, to mark the retirement of Professor I. J. Gottmann. Dr A. S. Goudie presided and the other speakers were Mr J. H. C. Patten, MP, Professor Gottmann and Mr D. R. Elleray. The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University was present.

Service luncheons

Army Board
Mr Jerry Wiggin, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, was host at a luncheon given yesterday in Admiralty House by the Army Board of the Defence Council in honour of General Richard E. Cavazos, Commander, United States Army Forces Command, the 1983 Kermit Roosevelt Lecturer. Others present were:
General Sir John Stanier, General Sir George Cooper, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Morony, Admiral Sir William Pillar, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Trant, Rear-Admiral William Neel, Major-General Geoffrey Howlett, Major-General Michael Gray, Colonel E K Johnson and Mr William Reid.

Latest appointments

Air Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, who is to be the Royal Air Force's new Air Member for Personnel, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor Sir Philip Baxter, 78; Mr A. (Scobie) Breasley, 68; Lord Briggs, 62; Sir Charles Cunningham, 77; Sir Reay Geddes, 71; Professor R. Y. Goodden, 74; Sir James Gowans, 59; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison, 47; Sir Lenox Hewitt, 66; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Robert Hobart, 68; Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, 76; Lord Kirkhill, 53; Mr David Leach, 72; Sir Basil Nield, 80; Mr Tony O'Reilly, 47; Sir Leonard Paton, 91; Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, 56; Sir Arthur Snelling, 69; Miss Elizabeth Söderström, 56; Mr David Tomlinson, 66; Sir Huw Wheldon, 67.
TOMORROW: Mr David Attenborough, 57; Mr Jack Charlton, 48; Professor Maurice Cranston, 63; Mr Michael Croft, 61; Miss Heather Harper, 53; Sir Charles Illingworth, 84; Sir Brian Kellett, 61; Mr Norman Lamont, MP, 41; the Right Rev Graham Leonard, 62; Miss Felicity Lott, 36; Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, 69; Sir Lionel Russell, 80; Mr Alastair Service, 50; Mr John Snagge, 79; Mr Justice Waterhouse, 57.

University news

Oxford poetry chair election postponed

Oxford University has decided to delay for two terms, the election of a new professor of poetry when professor John Jones retires at the end of his five year term in January.

The election will now take place next Trinity (summer) term and the appointment will be taken up in October, allowing the new professor the long vacation to prepare his lectures.

Services tomorrow: Rogation Sunday (fifth after Easter)

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; 12.30; M, 10, TD and Jub, Boyce in C, A, Since by man came death, (Handel); E, 3: Collegium Regale (Howells); A, Surgens Jesus (Philips); 6-10, Time of prayer for the ministry of women in the whole church. The Crypt Chapel.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Benedicite Jackson in G, Oculi omnium, (Wood) Rev D Evans. Litany in Procession and Sung Eucharist 11.40, B flat. The heavens are telling, (Haydn): Rv S Charles. Organ recital, ES, 6.30. The Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9. Cathedral E, 11, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). A: Ave verum (Mozart). Jesus Christ is risen (arr Wood). Sister Joan-Irene. Cathedral Evensong, 3.30, The Magdalen Service (Leighton) Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Rev Gordon McPhate.

QUEENS CHAPEL, St James's: HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A, Thy word is a Lantern (Purcell): Rev K Huxley.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): M, 11.15; TD, Vaughan Williams Festival, Bishop C Claxton. A Beati Quorum (Stanford). HC, 12.30.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, (public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12.15; MP, 11; Int. From all that dwell below the skies (Walmsley); A, Blessed be the God and father (Wesley). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M, 11, Rev J N Thomas, HC, noon.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway) MP and S, 11.30, TD, A, Flocks in pastures green abiding (Bach): Rev F V A Boyse: Organ recital.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD, Thalben-Ball in B flat. Jub Deo, Thalben-Ball in B flat. A, Thou visitest the earth: and blessest it (Greene). Rev Dr J W Montgomery: Organ recital.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (Public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12.15; MP, 11, Stanford in B flat. The heavens are telling (Haydn), Rev S Golding.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11, Ireland in F. A, Thou visitest the earth (Greene): Canon A Harvey; E, 3.30, Tomkins Second Service. A, The Wilderness (Goss).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11: Rev W T Martin

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15, M 10.20; HM 11 Rev J W Holden. Missa Laudate Dominum de Coelis (di Lasso); Solemn E S and Benediction 6. Wood in E flat No 1. Rev J S W Young.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11. Paschal Kyrie (Sheppard); Western Wind Agnus Dei (Tye); Rev Dr A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC 8, 9; sung M 11 Rev J Collins; ES 6.30; Rev J Irvine.

HOLY TRINITY: Prince Consort Rd: HC 8.30, 12.05; Choral MP and S, 11, Rev Professor K Ward.

HOLY TRINITY Sloane St (Sloane Sq tube): HC 8.30, HC 10.30 Canon Roberts; HC 12.10.

ST ALBAN'S Holborn: SM 9.30; HM 11. Collegium Regale (Howells). My beloved spake (Tomkins). Fr Gaskell: LM 6.30.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11, Weelkes (Short), A Pater noster (Stravinsky); E, 6.30, Weelkes (Short), A, Heare us, O heare us Lord (Bennett), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; Choral M and Eucharist, Prebendary D Morgan: Choral E, Sermon in Music.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.30; Sung Litany and Eucharist. Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). A, Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons). The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.00; EP 6.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15; Choral M and S, 11, Canon T Beeson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family C, Norman Ingram-Smith MS 11.15, Rev C Hedley; Choral E, 4.15; ES, 6.30: The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Col M Burnett; M, 11.15, Rev M J Thompson. E, 6.30, the Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM 8, 9.45, 7.30; HM, 11, Missa Brevis (Casciolini); Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley); O salutaris hostia (Rossini). Fr T Richardson: Solemn E 6.15, Fr F Jackson. E Canticles in G minor (Purcell); Regina coeli (Scriano). O porta coeli (Grandi) Procession and Solemn Benediction. Ave verum corpus (Milani).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11; Messe Basse (Fauré) Ave Maria (Verdi). Rev Dr F Coventry, 6.30, Rev R McLaren.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.30; M, 11, The Archdeacon of London; E, 6.30, Rev J A Mumford.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11: Darke in A minor, Canon J Mansel.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11, Rev G. Cassidy; HC, 6.30, Rev J Coles.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11; EP, 6.30; Rev R Blakeley.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM 8, 9; HM, 11: Service in C (Purcell), Prebendary H Moore. E and Benediction, 6; Rev R Browne.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11. Messe Basse (Fauré), Canon French Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: 11, Rev W S Robertson; 6.30, Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 Rev G M Wood; 6.30, Rev J M Scott.

THE ORATORY, SW7. LM, 7, 8, 9, 10; HM, 11, Mass in G (Schubert), Jub Deo (Handel); LM, 12.30, 4.30, 7; Vespers and Benediction 3.30. O bone Jesu (Deering).

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM, 11, Solem Latin M, 11. Missa "L'Homme Armé" (Wakelkamp). Crucem Sanctam Subiit (Palestrina).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45, Mass for four voices, Organ (Berkeley). Ascendo ad Patrem (Palestrina).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11, (Sung Latin Mass), Missa Brevis (Mozart) Regina coeli (Morales) Organ recital, 12, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev J Miller. Evening: C.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 9.30am Rev J Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: 11, Rev J Richardson; 6.30 Rev Dr J Newton.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr B Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr K T Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev Dr R C Gibbins.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES, Gresham Street, EC2: 11, Lutheran Service with special music. Dvorak "Biblical Songs" Bach violin sonata in E.

Sale room

Gothic ivory casket fetches £418,000 at Hever Castle auction

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A Gothic ivory casket from the Hever Castle collection was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £418,000 to E. Lubin, a New York dealer. It is finely carved with the legend of St Eustace and was made in the Ile-de-France in the early fourteenth century. While sections of Gothic boxes can still be found, a complete casket is a great rarity. Sotheby's had suggested a price of £100,000 to £150,000.

The casket had appealed especially to William Waldorf Astor, who formed the collection of ivories sold yesterday about the turn of the century, because he believed it to have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots.

Sotheby's had taken that with a pinch of salt but recorded that its nineteenth-century owner, Hollingworth Magniac, believed it to have belonged to Cardinal York, the younger son of the Old Pretender, and to have belonged to his family since the accession of James I in 1603.

The sale of works of art from Hever Castle made a total of £1,570,000, bringing the takings for the two days of sales to £5.6m, with less than 1 per cent unsold. That roughly doubles Sotheby's estimates.

The prices recorded for carved ivory heads of Gothic croziers surprised Southeby's. A French example from the late fourteenth century made £154,000 (estimate £20,000-£25,000) to a private collector, and a fourteenth-century Tuscan one, formerly in the treasury at Volterra, made £66,000 (estimate £20,000-£30,000) to Lubin.

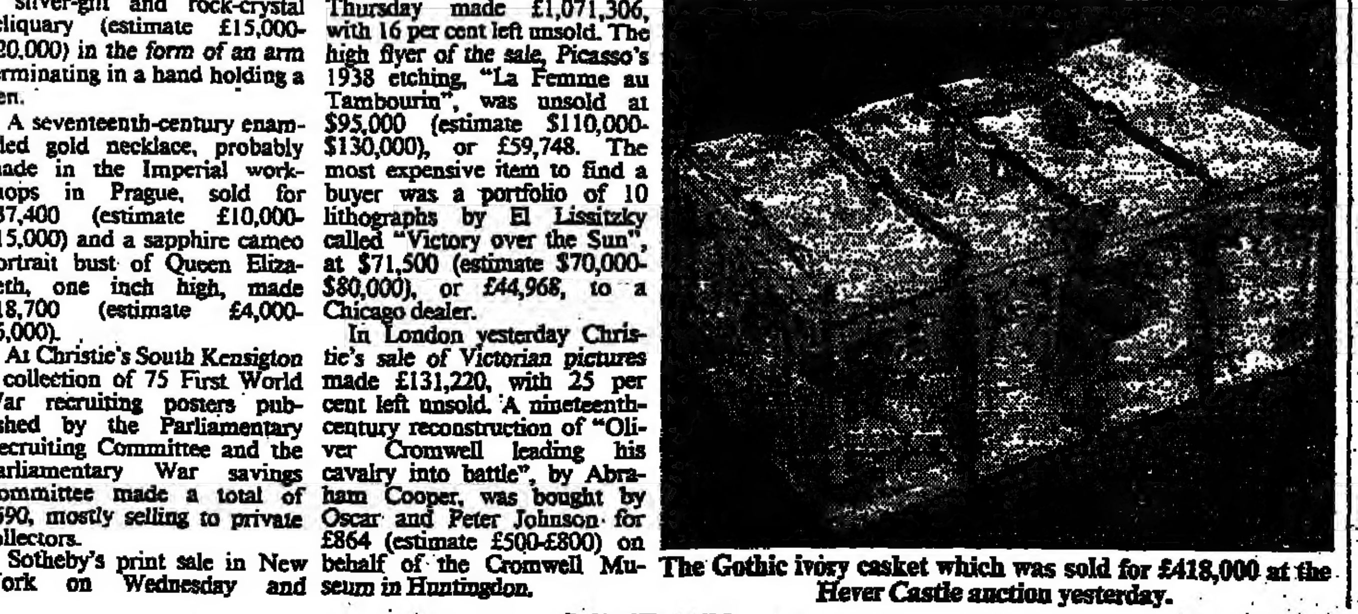
The Louvre spent £15,950 on a silver-gilt and rock-crystal reliquary (estimate £15,000-£20,000) in the form of an arm terminating in a hand holding a pen.

A seventeenth-century enamelled gold necklace, probably made in the Imperial workshops in Prague, sold for £37,400 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and a sapphire cameo portrait bust of Queen Elizabeth, one inch high, made £18,700 (estimate £4,000-£6,000).

At Christie's South Kensigton a collection of 75 First World War recruiting posters published by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee and the Parliamentary War savings Committee made a total of £690, mostly selling to private collectors.

Sotheby's print sale in New York on Wednesday and Thursday made £1,071,306, with 16 per cent left unsold. The high flyer of the sale, Picasso's 1938 etching, "La Femme au Tambourin", was unsold at $95,000 (estimate $110,000-$130,000), or £59,748. The most expensive item to find a buyer was a portfolio of 10 lithographs by El Lissitzky called "Victory over the Sun", at $71,500 (estimate $70,000-$80,000), or £44,968, to a Chicago dealer.

In London yesterday Christie's sale of Victorian pictures made £131,220, with 25 per cent left unsold. A nineteenth-century reconstruction of "Oliver Cromwell leading his cavalry into battle", by Abraham Cooper, was bought by Oscar and Peter Johnson for £864 (estimate £500-£800) on behalf of the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon.


The Gothic ivory casket which was sold for £418,000 at the Hever Castle auction yesterday.

OBITUARY

SIR J. GUILLUM SCOTT

Influence in councils of Church of England

Sir John Guillum Scott, TD, who died yesterday at the age of 72, was Secretary of the Church Assembly from 1948 to 1970, and then until 1972 Secretary-General of the newly-created General Synod of the Church of England.

He was born of a line of civil servants and lawyers. His father, Guy Guillum Scott, was also in his day Secretary of the Church Assembly; between them the Guillum Scotts, father and son, served the Assembly for the whole 50 years of its existence.

With this background and with his own considerable abilities, Scott exercised for more than 20 years an influence in the governing councils of the Church of England far beyond the formal responsibilities of his office. There were few decisions of importance in the Church of England in his time about which he was not consulted. He was valued by successive archbishops as a wise and trusted adviser. The Assembly and the Synod knew the value of his hard work, his flair and his fairness, equally to backbenchers and to bishops.

Scott was born on October 27, 1910. He was educated at the King's School, Canterbury, and in 1932 joined the staff of Queen Anne's Bounty, one of the predecessor bodies of the Church Commissioners. He was a pre-war territorial and after distinguished war service became in due course, and to his great pride, the Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Inns of Court Regiment (TA).

In his early years with the assembly he served not merely the Assembly itself, but was also secretary of a number of specialist committees dealing with such diverse topics as social responsibility, hospital chaplaincy and ecumenical matters. He was involved for many years in the inner councils of the British Council of Churches.

In the 1960s he was secretary or adviser to a range of major commissions of inquiry, set up by the archbishops, which have shaped the subsequent course of the Church of England in its relations with the State and the development of its self-governing institutions. The latter years of his secretaryship were dominated by the preparations for the introduction (in 1970) of Synodical government, and he had the satisfaction of overseeing the transition from Assembly to Synod. His services were recognised by Church and State: a Lambeth DCL (1961) and a knighthood (1964).

Church people recognised the depth of his Christian commitment, though he was not the to wear his Christian faith on his sleeve. He was a man of great personal charm, a generous host and had a remarkable memory for names and faces, invaluable in the chief servant of an Assembly of some 700 members. There was a modesty about him, but no one enjoyed more than he the pomp and circumstance of the great Church and State occasion.

On his retirement from the Synod Scott became Communar of Chichester Cathedral, a post which he held from 1973 to 1979.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, whom he married in 1939, and a daughter.

MR DAVID WILLIAMS

Mr David Williams, who died on May 5, at the age of 73 after a long illness, was a literary biographer and book reviewer who turned to full-time writing only in his late fifties after many years as a schoolmaster.

As a biographer he specialized in Victorian literary figures, but as a reviewer he was more wide-ranging. He had a particular enthusiasm for and knowledge of nineteenth and early twentieth century French literature, and enjoyed all but the most contemporary English and American fiction. He had been a contributor to the book pages of *The Times* and other journals for nearly 20 years.

David Frank Williams was born in Ruthin, Denbighshire on June 26, 1909. While at Cambridge, where he was a scholar of Downing College, he contributed poetry to *Granta,* the university magazine. As a schoolmaster he taught for many years at Manchester Grammar School before becoming headmaster of a north London grammar school. Following a heart attack he relinquished the post, becoming a schools inspector for a short period and then a full-time writer.

He had already published one wryly comic novel, *Agent from the West,* in 1956. Now he devoted himself in the main to Victorian writers who he felt had been unjustly neglected. His first biography, *Too Quick Despairer* (published in 1969) was a study of Arthur Hugh Clough, whom he put among the greatest and most neglected of Victorian poets.

In 1977 he followed this with a biography of George Meredith whom he described as having been "England's greatest living novelist following the death of George Eliot." Two years later he broadened his range with *Genesis and Exodus,* a group portrait of the talented but tragic Benson family through two generations, spanning a century between 1840 and 1940.

He had long had an enthusiasm for the eccentric vagabond genius George Borrow and last year published a short study, *A World of His Own,* in the fervent hope that it might encourage a fresh generation to read Borrow's own works.

Shortly before his illness he passed the proofs of his latest and potentially most controversial biography, a life of author, journalist and critic, George Henry Lewes, which he called *Mr George Eliot.* The first biography of Lewes for more than half a century, it is due to be published in Britain next month.

Lewes, who was first editor of the *Fortnightly Review,* the founding father of all newspaper columnists, the first English biographer of Goethe and, according to Bernard Shaw, the best dramatic critic between himself and Hazlitt, was the influential companion of Mary Ann Evans for 25 years. It was Williams's contention, after many years' study, that Mary Ann Evans, writing under the name of George Eliot, might never have begun writing fiction, but for Lewes's influence.

As well as his writing Williams had also been a regular broadcaster, particularly on books for the BBC World Service. His keen sense of humour also led him to write over many years for *Punch.* As a reviewer he will be particularly remembered for his prompt delivery of copy – usually by hand as he never trusted the post.

He leaves a wife, Sylvia, and three sons, one of whom is a lecturer at the Neue Freie Universität, Berlin, another who is a senior arts producer in BBC Television and a third, Nigel, who is a novelist and playwright.

J. D. EGGAR

John Woodcock writes:

John Drennan Eggar, who died on May 3 at the age of 66, while playing tennis, combined, as happens no more, a schoolmastering career with a summer holiday playing county cricket – first for Hampshire and then Derbyshire.

Eggar was on the staff at Repton when, in 1947, he shared with C. S. Elliott the highest partnership ever made for Derbyshire – 349 for the first wicket against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge. Two years later, against Yorkshire at Bradford, he scored 219.

An Oxford cricket Blue in 1938 – his dogged second innings helped his side to stave off defeat at Lord's – Eggar after serving with the Rifle Brigade in the Second World War became an outstanding coach of schoolboy cricketers. He had been taught himself, as a Wykehamist, by one of the greatest of all coaches, H. S. Altham. From Repton he was appointed, in 1963, to the headmastership of Shiplake College, four years after its foundation.

When he arrived at Shiplake it was a school with only just over 100 boys and no certain future; by the time he retired from there, in 1979, there were over 300 boys and it was well established. This outstanding achievement was facilitated by Eggar's enthusiasm and wide range of interests.

He leaves a widow and three sons, the eldest of whom is the Member of Parliament for Enfield North.

GEORGE BALANCHINE

Moira Shearer writes:

Of all the choreographers I ever worked with, I remember George Balanchine as the most stimulating and inspiring. In addition – and to my surprise and delight – he was a splendid musician, raconteur and cook.

I only worked with him once, when he came to Covent Garden in 1948 to produce his *Ballet Imperial,* choreographed to the Second Piano Concerto of Tchaikovsky. I found him quite different from anyone else in the ballet world.

For rehearsals he wore an immaculate, light grey suit, beautifully polished shoes, a tiny flower in his button-hole. He was quiet-voiced and full of authority. When the leading male dancer couldn't master a difficult *enchainement,* he took his place and performed it perfectly. When the pianist couldn't find the exact tempo, he took her place and played equally perfectly.

He expected this perfection from everybody, and because of his great gift of belief in people and their ability, he gave one the confidence to attempt and achieve what had seemed impossible. His pleasure in the result was one's greatest reward.

After those few weeks in 1948 I never saw him again. I suppose I hardly knew him but his influence, his example and above all his encouragement made me love and respect him deeply. His death robs us of a great artist and a magical man.

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The Times/Veuve Clicquot crime short story competition

Those Who Appreciate Money Hate To Touch The Principal

By Stanley Cohen

He fingered the white card thoughtfully for a moment, studying the rows of repeated digits which ran its full length. He touched the corner of the card to his lip and then nodded. He'd hesitated long enough. *The advance preparations had* been made for quite a while. Time to put the plan into motion. Fascinating toys, computers. At least to those who knew how to use them. Really use *them*.

He glanced around the computer room at the technicians doing their thing. They weren't paying any attention to his contemplative posture in the chair in front of the keypunch. Why should they? It was a most familiar sight to see him there. He ran the operation. He was their mentor, their trainer, their confidant and father confessor, the renowned *Wunderkind* and genius who taught them everything they knew about the role of the computer in modern banking, the mastermind who had toiled all those brutal hours, often far into the night, and had established and debugged all of the super-streamlined procedures that made the bank the envy of all the others in the city.

Even if they were to wander near and stand behind him and watch over his shoulder, they would not grasp what he was about to do. Because they knew their specific jobs and not too much more. They knew what he had taught them and what he felt they had a need to know in order to carry out their work with crisp efficiency. But they would not understand the complex, yet ever so simple little operation *he was going to* perform. And even if they thought they did comprehend it, they wouldn't believe it. Not after all his lectures about the legal aspects of the work in which they were involved. Absolute adherence to the law. He had trained them well.

His hand trembled slightly as he inserted the first card into the keypunch. He hoped no one noticed *because he* wasn't supposed to ever show even the slightest manifestation of having nerves. He was Rich Hamzer, the whizz-kid. His veins were copper wire and his head was transistorized. He glanced around once again, rubbed his hands together a few times, took a deep breath and then began to hit the keys.

He completed the eight new cards and touched the corner of each with a red felt tip pen. He walked to the card storage and as he did the trembling worsened. His pulse accelerated. He opened the appropriate drawer and began inserting the eight cards in their proper locations, lifting out those he was temporarily replacing. Then he lifted a few other cards at random and dotted them with felt tip pens of other colours, green, blue, brown, *before* slipping them back down into place. The red dots would be less obvious.

With all of the new cards in their proper places, he riffled *the deck, watching* the marked cards disappear like a drink poured over the side of a boat, into the sea. Then he closed the drawer. Done. The cards were a part of the vast system and the system *would make no judge*ment but would do as it was told.

Rich picked up a phone and dialled Linderkorn's number.

Harry Linderkorn's ruddy face was ruddier than usual against the meticulously groomed silver temples and the custom shirt and he sat very erect. Hamzer slouched in the "client's" chair in front of the huge desk.

"Did you say resign? Rich, I won't hear of it."

"Harry, you already have."

"But why?"

"I'm sick of working."

"Take some time off. How about a month? Two months?"

"How about a year, Harry, or two years? Why not five?"

"You serious? You won't like it, Rich. You'll hate it."

"Let me try it and decide for myself."

"All right, Rich. How about a raise? A fat one."

"Harry, you haven't been listening. A little more money won't change my life style. This is Monday morning. Two weeks notice means a week from Friday. That's it."

Linderkorn paused and his eyes reflected a change in strategy. "Rich, this place is a miracle of modern banking efficiency because of what you've done here. It's a living tribute to your achievements. We're the standard by which others are measured. Don't walk away from it and let it run the risk of even the slightest loss of its vitality and perfection. We can re-define your job so that you can enjoy a change in life-style without leaving."

"Harry, I've checked and rechecked the program and it's bug-free. Get one of your head-hunters to find you a bright young manager-type and I'm sure he can keep things running without problems."

"Rich, how about unlimited privileges at the Midtown Tennis Club? Play every day. As long as you wish. I'll even line you up a parade of worthy opponents. And just drop in on the bank once in a while to see how things are going."

"A week from Friday, Harry."

Rich stood in the main banking room and watched the lines of depositors inch forward, reach the tellers' windows, complete their transactions and walk away. Sixteen tellers were working, and there were more than two hundred branch banks! With three to 10 tellers in each. The effects of the new punched cards, like Pentothal into a vein, had flowed silently into the system, been absorbed and produced the desired changes. Nine more business days to go, with extended banking hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

What would be the total for the two-week period? The total, based on all interest accrued on all funds deposited during that period. What would be the total amount of remainder involved when all interest computations were rounded off to even pennies? *Not evened-off* dollars; just evened-off pennies. And what sweet, young teller would notice that all the computations just happened to come out to exact cents and not *fractions? And even if someone* noticed, would it make enough of an impression to prompt that someone to question? And if that someone did question, could the cause of the unusual coincidence be uncovered, particularly within the period up to a week from Saturday when his plane lifted off the ground? A long series of ifs. The likelihood of an accusing finger ever being pointed at him seemed remote. He had every reason to feel secure. Even if the coincidence was noted, he himself would be the one called in to investigate the quirk.

At the end of the two weeks of business he would simply locate and remove the red-dotted, outlaw cards and put back the originals. Then things would return to normal. The surface of the bank's monetary waters would remain undisturbed. The tiny tremor of illicit activity that had occurred deep beneath its surface would quietly subside and life would go on as if no renegades had ever made their subtle raid on Grand Union's remote vaults.

The outlaw cards would program the system to take all those rounded-off interest *payments, those millions of* fractions of pennies, and funnel them quietly into his own account. The system was omnipotent. But it was docile. It had no power to challenge a command.

And weeks before, Rich had set up an arrangement whereby all monies in his account in excess of what he had set as a suitable operating balance would be automatically transferred to an account in a Swiss bank. Two weeks of business. And two weeks was enough. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of pieces of pennies. Possibly a million if it proved to be a good two weeks for banking. And no one would have to suffer. Who would miss it? And he would have bought his escape from his squirrel-cage existence to the idyllic life of the richest tennis and ski bum on the Continent. He mused for a moment about his return to the slopes he'd discovered on his last vacation in the Alps. Exhilarating runs that challenged even his considerable skills with their vastness and unexpected hazards and their unspoiled desolation. So different from the mountains in southern Vermont which always seemed reduced to slush by the impenetrable crowds.

And he could live off just the interest the money would earn in Switzerland, hardly touching the principal at all. A most pleasing thought. Because those who appreciate money hate to touch the principal.

Rich fidgeted for the rest of the day. He knew there was no need for concern, but simply knowing wasn't quite enough to keep him tranquil. He called a friend and arranged a tennis match at his indoor club for that night. A little strenuous exercise would take his mind off things and help him to get into some good sleep, which he began to feel might become an elusive commodity.

They played hard and he enjoyed it. He was a tiger, really on his game, and for the first time ever he completely overpowered his friend. After more than two hours of enervating play and a quick shower, he emerged from the club into the chill night air and promptly sneezed; two, three, four times. It had been stupid to rush out into the cold. He should have killed a little time before leaving, hung around, had a drink, taken time to fully cool down and unwind. He felt a drop of rain, then a drop or two more and then rain. He looked around for a cab but there are never cabs when it begins to rain. He sneezed again and wiped at his nose with his sleeve. He began hustling toward the subway, still watching for an empty cab. By the time he reached the subway, his nose was dripping steadily.

A double Scotch and two aspirin had little effect on anything and he lay awake most of the night, sopping at his nose with tissues and throwing the little balls of wet paper at a waste basket in the corner of the room. He crawled out of bed the next morning with a whopper of a cold. But with only nine days of his professional career left, he was determined to show up at work.

He made it through the day but his cold grew steadily worse. By mid-afternoon his head was clogged solid. Excessive amounts of various antihistamines made him groggy but failed to penetrate the total blockage behind his nose and eyes. He went home early, dosed himself up with a little of everyone's recommended guaranteed remedy and went to bed, feeling certain that only long hours of sleep would help. But somehow, a dancing line of computer cards with tiny red dots in their corners always seemed to stay between him and unconsciousness. When he dragged himself out of bed again the next morning, his head throbbed. But he was once again determined to make it to the bank.

By mid-afternoon his entire body *ached and* everyone remarked that he looked terrible and shouldn't have come in. When Harry Linderkorn snapped that he should get the hell out of there before he infected everybody in the place, he finally left the bank and returned to his flat. Desperate for sleep, he resorted to sleeping pills, something he had somehow gone without the two previous nights, and took three instead of the prescribed one. The dancing computer cards moved quickly aside and total sleep engulfed him.

He woke to a ringing phone.

"You any better?" It was Harry Linderkorn.

"I don't think so, Harry."

"I called you yesterday and you didn't even answer. Where were you?"

"I'm *not even* sure there was a yesterday."

"When I called you yesterday, I was merely being concerned about you. Today we've got a problem."

"What kind of *problem*, Harry?"

"One of your crew dropped a deck of cards."

"Tell him to pick them up."

"Rich, they're afraid to put things back *together* without you here."

"The cards are encoded sequentially. I've taught them better than that. They can do it."

"They insist that they need you."

"Harry, I'm not sure I'm going to live."

"Rich, this bank has got to pay continuous interest on all its accounts. We compound daily. Remember?"

Rich hesitated. "Why had they pulled *that* drawer, anyway?"

"I don't know. I only know that we've got to get that deck back in place. Correctly. Rich, I'm sending a car for you."

"When?"

"Be ready in an hour."

Rich walked very slowly as he entered the bank, heavily bundled up, his entire body in pain, his head feeling ballooned all out of proportion. He had been awake very little during the two days just past. He awoke once and called his physician. He got up once more to answer the door and receive *the medication the doctor had* arranged for. The new medication had kept him heavily sedated. He felt he could lose control of himself at any moment. He entered the computer room *where his staff of helpers* led him to a desk and he dropped himself into the chair. They clustered about him and talked earnestly about how the mishap had occurred and why *they had the drawer* out and how sorry they were and how terrible they felt and all the reasons why they were afraid to try to restore the system to operation without his supervision. But he found he was unable to concentrate on anything they were saying.

Spread out on the desk-top were the drawer, partly filled, and the rest of the deck, a few of the cards organized into neat stacks, most of them still loose. He spotted two or three of the ones with the red dots. He picked up a handful and looked at them, trying to make out the print at the tops but the printed characters blended into the cards. He strained to focus his eyes at the hazy, little block letters which faded and swam and spiralled and darted about.

"It's no use," he said. He slumped back into his chair. "I can't see them. I can't do anything. It's no use." He closed his eyes and slumped further and then fell forward and laid his head on the desk and as his consciousness faded, he heard one of his girls say that they had better get help.

Rich awoke amid the muffled sounds and special smells of a *hospital room*. He glanced around briefly at the washed out pastel hues of his institutional surroundings and then out of the window at the familiar skyline. He closed his eyes and fell back asleep. He awoke again when a nurse came in to check his temperature and pulse. He watched her take the thermometer from his mouth and then jot notes on his chart. "How long have I been here?" he asked.

"It's Saturday. You came in yesterday."

"Who's paying for such a fancy room?"

"That's not my concern." She smiled without looking up from the chart.

"Am I getting better or worse?"

A nurse's smile of assurance. "I'd say better. But try to sleep some more. It's the best thing for you."

He watched her leave and then shifted his weight slightly and eased back into sleep.

A hand touched his arm. He looked up and saw Harry Linderkorn and behind him, a stranger. Who was the stranger? Rich's pulse began to quicken as he looked at the other man's expressionless face. Young, bright, interesting face, but *no sign of anything*.

"How are you feeling?" Harry asked.

Rich studied Harry's face for a clue. Nothing. "The nurse told me I'm getting better." He looked past Harry *at the other* man. Who was he?

"They tell me you'll be fine", Harry said. "It'll just take a little while."

"How long?" Rich asked.

"What's your hurry? You've got plenty of time."

What did *that* mean? He looked at the other man again. Still no indications. "Harry, what about at the bank? You get things back together?"

"Business as usual, Rich. Our depositors won't lose a penny. I brought in Jennings here on a consultant basis to get the system straightened out and back in operation. Rich Hamzer, Clint Jennings."

"Nice meeting you, Rich", the young man said. "Quite a program you've set up. It's becoming the standard for the whole industry. I was delighted to have the opportunity to look at it."

Rich scrutinized his expression, searching for an off-beat reaction.

"Did you have any problem getting the system going *again?*"

"No problems. The cards were sequential."

"And you were impressed with the way it's set up?"

"Very much so", Jennings answered. But there wasn't so much as a wisp of a smile as he spoke. He apparently had not deduced the significance of the eight cards with the red dots.

"I'm glad everything is okay, again", Rich said.

"We'll leave now so you can go back to sleep," Linderkorn said.

"Besides, I'm late for my golf date. Just wanted to bring Clint by to meet you. And, of course, *to show you that I care*."

"Nice meeting you, Rich." Jennings said with a completely guileless smile. "Take it easy."

It was late evening when a hand touched Rich's shoulder again. Visiting hours had passed and the nurses had made their evening rounds. Rich rolled over and looked up through the haze from his medication. He saw Jennings who was smiling broadly. And as he concentrated on Jennings's face, he noticed even in the dim light, that the smile had changed and taken on a new dimension.

"How're you doing, pardner?" Jennings asked with his broad grin. He snapped on a small light.

"Wha'? You came back, tonight? Why?"

"Wanted to bring you something."

"Bring me something? What?"

"A present for you." Jennings held out a small object.

Rich took it and examined it. A red felt tip pen.

"Tell me, pardner," Jennings said. "How're we *going to* spend all that interest?"

Rich suddenly thought of Alpine snow in all its blinding, dazzling brilliance, and of a run he'd made on the deserted face of a peak away from the usual trail, a dizzying slope with several hidden chasms, unexpected outcroppings of rock and a ruffled hillock of snow that indicated a recent slide. He looked at the pen again and then back at Jennings's grinning face. He asked. "Do you like to ski?"

"That's a rich man's sport. Never could afford it." Jennings paused. "Until now. Yeah. Sure. I'd like to learn."

"Good," Rich said. "I'll teach you myself. We'll leave for the Continent in a week."



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How writers thicken their plots

Ever since there were law-givers to say, "That is an anti-social act!" there have been wayward souls ready to disregard the edict, and an audience eager to hear of their exploits. Once printing was invented, the broadsheet and the penny dreadful extended the reach of the *story-teller* to an audience that had learnt to read. It has gone on reading ever since, with enough enthusiasm to constitute a throng known as "crime fans". Crime fans sometimes feel the urge to write crime fiction. The first question they ask is: how do you begin?

Some authors say they simply sit down with a blank sheet of paper and write. It may be true. Most crime writers would say they have most of it worked out before they begin, particularly the ending. For it is the ending of a crime novel that must make the reader say: "Fancy that!" or "Thank God they're safe!" or "Who would have guessed?"

Two things are necessary – a group of characters who will carry the action and a plot.

The plot will probably fit into one of the two acknowledged categories of crime fiction: the puzzle plot or the suspense story.

The difference is crucial. In the puzzle plot, the author issues a challenge to the reader: I will tell you everything you need to know to solve this mystery yet I will still surprise you with the solution at the end. Note that condition: "I will tell you everything you need to know". It is bad form to keep secrets from your reader, and utterly forbidden to introduce, 10 pages from the end, an unknown madman who has committed the crime.

Likewise, you will be an outcast if "the butler did it". This phrase harks back to the golden days when every murder took place in a country house with a large retinue of servants, but I have yet to read the book with a guilty butler.

In the mystery, you generally need a central character who will solve the puzzle and with whom the reader can sympathize. He (or she) can be a policeman, a private detective, a family friend or a stranger.

If you choose a policeman, make sure you have access to information about police procedure. Private detectives are rather hard to handle if working in this country, which is why many exponents decide to place their private eye in one of the big American cities. This makes it easier for him to own a gun.

A sub-genre of the classic plot is the "police procedural". The reader is taken step by step through the daily activities of a CID office, witnessing the treatment of the case-list. British writers don't seem to use it much, perhaps because the British police do not offer access as freely as the Americans.

The suspense story likewise has many sub-genres. It can be a spy story about the need to save the plans (micro-film, computer tape etc) from the villains. It can be a "caper" plot, where you are taken step by step through the planning and perpetration of the theft of the crown jewels. In the days before the Second World War, the criminals would certainly not have got away with their crime but now they quite often do. *Sic transit probitas mundi.*

The important thing about a suspense plot is simply that – you have to keep the reader in suspense until the last sentence.

A crime novel can be a mixture of all or any of these, but the great secret is to have interesting characters. You can have the cleverest plot in the world, but if the people are dull the book will flop. One or two of our present-day writers actually *have* the cleverest plots in the world, which almost no one can understand, but it is the characters who hold the interest and loyalty of the readers.

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Motoring across the mountains and glens, **Peter Black** samples the clean air, fresh food and warm hospitality of Scotland

Sweet solitude on tranquil highland roads

Sheer wonder: The magnificent cliffs above the Sound of Raasay, Isle of Skye

Nobody goes to the Scottish highlands for the weather; though, as it happens, the west coast had just enjoyed the longest rain-free period in living memory – or so they said. A shopkeeper in Fort William, reaching for the most graphic illustration he could command, told me, he had never shifted so many pairs of sunglasses, so much suntan lotion and anti-midge cream. And the water level in the Snizort on Skye was so low the salmon could not "run", but hung about in the loch outside waiting for rain.

I had gone up on a motoring trip: on the BR Motorail to Stirling, up to Inverness, across and up to Ullapool, down the west coast to Skye, back to Stirling by way of Fort William and the Trossachs, a saunter of some 650 miles which restored one of the ancient pleasures of motoring: that of tootling along unfamiliar roads.

There must have been lots of us, for tourism is Scotland's second industry and this was August. Leaving the little towns, I drove for miles through the green and grey glens and mountains without meeting another car – indeed the emptiness creates its own hazards. It was easy to forget to keep looking in the rearview mirror (after all, that wasn't what I'd gone to see), and wander fractionally off course.

Roads empty as far as the eye can see can fill with cars in seconds; when overtaking, be sure the driver in front knows you are there. Along the most picturesque routes the roads are single-track with passing points. Here, assume that the approaching car is being driven by royalty, and respectfully draw aside.

The weather had reverted to the changeable. On the road from Strathcarron to Skye heavy ragged clouds were rolling over the mountaintops like waves breaking on rocks. The rain pelted down so hard the view shrank to what I could see through the segment of windscreen cleared by the wipers: a watery suggestion of slopes, forest and loch. At the foot of the glen the rain stopped; so did I, to take in one of those tremendous views that are the point of driving through the highlands.

Far below, a dammed lake; to the west, pine forests; on all sides, huge bare hills under their thin skin of grass. Deep in the hillside, a white and grey house, set in a solitude hard to comprehend.



On the Skye-line: The quiet village of Portree nestles close to the water's edge

The west wind was tugging and rearranging the weather like an army of scene shifters at work, opening up tantilizing pockets of blue, spreading a sudden blaze of sun, and as quickly wiping it out. While I waited for the ferry at Kyle of Lochalsh, blue sky spread as if from nowhere.

I drove to Portree with the hood of my convertible down and the sun hot on my back; hot enough to release the scents that ought to accompany a fine summer day, of grass, heather and pungent wild herbs.

I took the hood down quite often, more often than was sensible, I dare say (once I couldn't get the thing up against the wind, so reversed and took the wind's assistance, a piece of resource worthy of the John Buchan heroes whose spirits flit over these parts); but there was another ancient motoring delight, of riding with 180 degrees of vision with nothing between me and the sky.

Wheels make it easier to see the highlands, harder to experience them. The great stillness in the heart of these desolate places needs to be explored on foot. At the Skeapost Hotel on Skye the active men and women appeared for breakfast kippers and porridge in the olive green knickerbockers and jerseys and ribbed soled shoes of walkers, stalkers, climbers and came home contentedly fagged out.

In the countryhouse atmosphere of this hotel, filled with self-assured, fit British and pleasantly shy Americans, I felt a long way from the beach playsuits, stomach settlers and airport angst of the trips to the sun.

The caravan camps drawn up in lines – here a television aerial sprouting from the roof, there a budgerigar swinging in its cage, anon a white cat, as handsome as an enchanted prince, lying on the back seat of a Rover – brought an incongruous dash of suburbia to the surrounding wildness. But to experience it the caravan campers need only reach for their boots and walking sticks.

There is a great deal to be said for the freedom of camping under canvas in Scotland, though the best of it is earned by the handy walkers with their equipment on their backs who can be located by their orange blobs of canvas high up on a hill.

Sleeping under a different roof each night I experienced all levels of accommodation. Bearing in mind that one gets what one pays for, food and service were always good and friendly. Modern Scottish posh is as posh as anything anywhere: extreme comfort, colour television, guest kit containing disposable razor, sugar substitutes, a self-conscious Scottishness in the menus; for example, "The Laird's Choice; succulent roast of the day." Down the other end was a village hotel on the banks of Loch Carron, where the fittings were austere and my arrival coincided with the Friday discotheque right under my bedroom.

If there were a word for the happy chance discovery of good hotels I would apply it with vehemence to the Ceilidh Place at Ullapool, run by the actor Robert Urquhart and his young wife, Jean, whose aim is to break away from the pre-cast atmosphere of hotels. So the beds have firm mattresses



Robert Urquhart lets you pour your own drinks

("better for backs"). There is no television room. Tape recordings offer Schubert piano trios. Guests can pour their own drinks and sign for them. A bookshop sells decent paperbacks along with holiday trash.

In the big dining area, combining bar and restaurant in the convivial French manner, I had a glass of wine for 55p that could not have been fuller without forming a meniscus. There was not an individually wrapped pat of butter, cheese, or a sauce bottle in sight.

But the attractive generosity of spirit was not without its hazards. One visitor accused Jean of injecting her eggs with colour. The poor soul had never eaten a free range egg. Another rejected the haddock as "off", having forgotten the taste of really fresh fish.



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Accommodation starts at about £4.50 for bed and breakfast, often in romantic out-of-the-way places.

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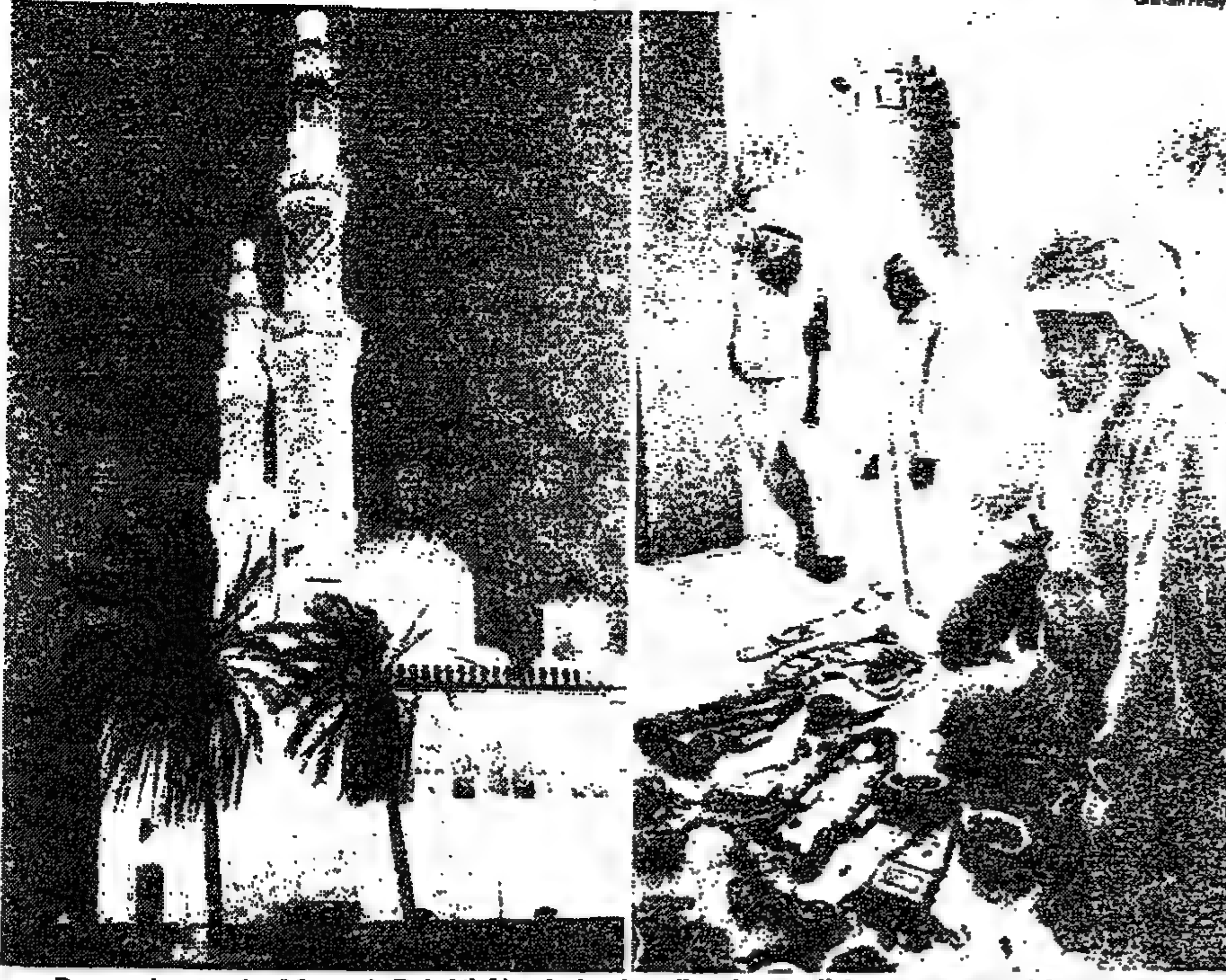
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TRAVEL/2

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Rich rewards of a comfortable compromise

David Cross savours low-key luxury in the United Arab Emirates


Graham Finlayson

Peace and prosperity: Mosque in Dubai (left) and a jewelry seller who moonlights as a museum nightwatchman

As the DC10 floats down towards the minarets of Sharjah airport a single white flame punctuates the early morning mist like a huge candle. The burning gas is rising above the desert from one of the many oil wells which, in the space of less than 20 years, have transformed the seven feudal sheikhdoms of the lower Gulf into one of the world's richest federations – the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The plane is on time, but the mist is too dense at Dubai international airport, our ultimate destination, and we land at Sharjah to wait for it to lift. More than two hours later, when the rising sun has cleared the air, we take off again, minus a handful of the more impatient passengers, for one of the shortest commercial flights possible in a long-haul jet. In a land where prestige is more important than money, the building of two major airports just 10 miles apart for no more than a few dozen flights a day is not regarded as extravagant.

Dubai airport, with its plush air-conditioned lounges and row upon row of duty-free shops where a bottle of gin costs just over £1, is almost as magnificent as the mosque-like terminal at Sharjah, although the hordes of foreign workers returning from the Indian subcontinent having their baggage searched for drugs present a hurdle for the unwary at immigration and customs.

Western Europeans are, however, regarded with less suspicion by the authorities, and within a matter of minutes we glide through the formalities and into a waiting taxi. It is spring along the Gulf, the air is dry and clear and the temperature pleasantly in the upper seventies.

Dubai and the other emirates, British protectorates until 12 years ago, represent a comfortable compromise between the Islamic fervour of neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and the industrialized western world. A trip, perched on a rough wooden bench on the deck of a tiny motor ferry, along the creek which has always been the centre of Dubai's commercial life highlights the contrast.

On one side an uninterrupted line of modern buildings, mostly banks and other financial institutions, forms a spectacular backdrop to the dozens of *dhows*, once used to smuggle gold to India but now more likely to ferry electronic gadgetry along the Gulf. On a passing ferry, two Arab women in their traditional shrouds sit sporting luminous green plastic sandals next to a pretty young European girl with shapely tanned calves.

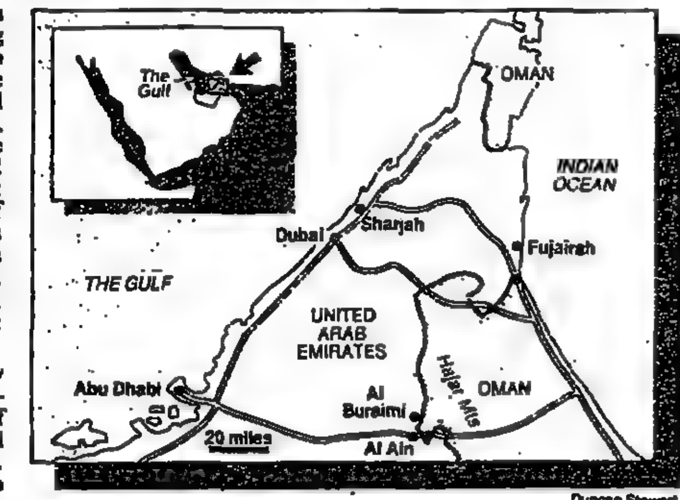
Large parts of the old city have, however, been spared the encroachment of high-rise development projects. The old spice market, filled with the heady scent of dried lemons and cloves, is just a few paces along a narrow alleyway from the gold market, where Lebanese merchants exchange outmoded styles of jewelry for the latest fashions at little more than the original value of bullion. On the other side of the creek, the original mud dwellings still have their wind towers to deflect the sea breezes to the living quarters below.

The desert along the Gulf coast, where it has not been used for building, is mostly flat and uninteresting. But it takes just an hour or so driving inland by car or minibus to reach the real deserts of the Arabian peninsula. Huge sand dunes, some nearly 100ft high, whose shape and colour change constantly as they are subjected to different wind and light conditions, threaten to engulf the fine new metalled roads. As the highways are built, saplings are planted along them to hold back the desert, and wire-mesh fences put up to prevent grazing camels getting run over.

Suddenly the desert gives way to a modern township, dominated by the towers and dome of its own miniature mosque and bristling with television aerials. The settlement has been built to house the few remaining groups of wandering bedouin tribesmen.

A few miles further on lies the historic town of Al Ain, once one of the last watering points on the 1,000-mile camel train route across the Arabian desert, but now a thriving modern metropolis shortly to be blessed with its own Disneyland-type amusement park. Europeans are likely to be more impressed by the Al Buraimi oasis, where water is channelled from the nearby Hajar mountains to irrigate small mud-walled plantations of date and banana palms, by the local camel market or by the Hili excavations, where remains of monuments and dwellings dating from 2,000 BC have been discovered.

From Al Ain the Hajar mountain range is a pale blue ribbon against the sky, but on closer inspection the rocks are dark and crumbling, broken only by deep wadis where a few clumps of palm cling tenuously to life along the dried-out river beds. A splendid new four-lane highway has recently been completed across the mountains to link the Gulf coast with the Indian Ocean.



Duncan Stewart

Fujairah, one of the poorer emirates and the only one entirely on the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula, offers the best ocean bathing in the lower Gulf. There are dozens of tiny sandy bays, deserted except for the occasional fisherman's hut. Hotels such as the Fujairah Hilton have their own beaches with all the facilities for marine sports such as scuba diving.

Nearly all the hotels in the emirates are in the luxury class, and they provide most of the tourist entertainment, including the only legally available alcohol in the emirates. In Dubai and Al Ain and other main cities, there are many excellent ethnic restaurants where the only drawback is the absence of a glass of wine or beer. Most of the hotels host floor shows which are as popular with the local Arabs as with visiting westerners; the entertainment is served with a lavish buffet in which tiny Lebanese delicacies vie for space with whole roast lambs and huge prawns.

The hotels are half empty much of the time, and the scarcity of other tourists is one of the great attractions of a holiday in the UAE. Another great advantage is the tolerance of the authorities towards western customs such as the wearing of bikinis on the beach and women driving. Off the beaches, however, shorts and provocative apparel should not be worn by either sex.

Travel notes

The best time to visit the UAE is between October and April, before heat and humidity set in. Ten nights (11 days) in a top-class Hilton or Holiday Inn costs from £595, including an economy-class return on British Caledonian between Gatwick and Dubai. Breakfast is usually included.

A hamburger or omelette in a hotel snack bar costs about £3.50 and a full-scale buffet meal between £10 and £12 excluding drink. A meal in a good Lebanese-style restaurant costs about the same. Cars can be hired from £115.50 a week with the benefit of unlimited mileage.

Organized excursions include an overnight safari in the desert complete with camp-fire barbecue and, if you are lucky, a camel race. Holidays can be tailored to meet individual requirements through the Dubai National Air Travel Agency (DNATA) which has recently opened a London office at 22 Old Bond Street, London W1.

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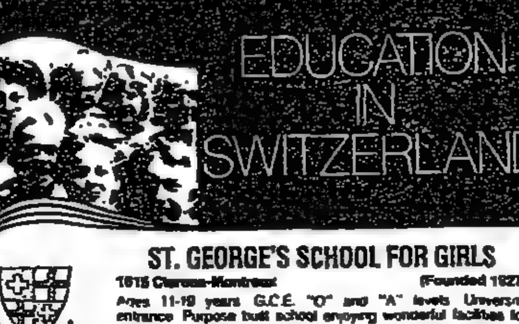
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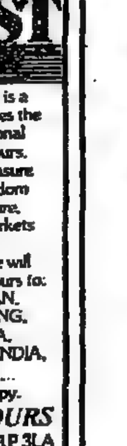
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VALUES

From furs to furniture, hats to houses, **Beryl Downing** finds people who will keep them clean

How to tan your hide, get dyed and be taken to the cleaners

If cleanliness is next to godliness I should be in line for a halo. I have just submitted my carpets, my clothes and myself to the ministrations of sundry specialists until everything but my conscience is whiter than white.

I learnt a few lessons en route. One we all know, but invariably try to circumvent: it doesn't pay to buy cheaply. If you want to have expensive items cleaned – suede, fur, silks, wedding dresses for instance – don't take them to a chain cleaners: go to the expensive specialist. Otherwise you may find that all the stuffing has been knocked out of the material and it is as unwearable as if it had been left dirty.

Another is that if you have a long-pile carpet and are using an on-site cleaning service, do make sure that they check the underside for any possible defects if they intend to rake the pile. If you happen to have damp and there is any mildew in the carpet, they could make a hole in it, although raking long pile should not normally damage the fibres.

That was the bad news. The good is that dyeing is making a modest comeback. A year ago there were only a couple of specialist dry cleaners who still undertook dyeing. Now Sketchley's have started a new nationwide service and Collins in London are planning to launch theirs in about four weeks.

What is more, there are still people who will clean gloves, hats and lampshades, even if they are few and far between. If you have specific cleaning problems and no one to solve them locally, the Dry Cleaning Information Service lists specialists throughout the country. Write to them at Lancaster Gate House, 319 Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Meanwhile, here is a selection of services to help with your spring cleaning.



Carpets and furnishings

Cleanrite, 122 Acre Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey (549 7346)
Cleaning of carpets, upholstery, fabric wall coverings on site by their mobile cleaning plant which operates from the van by its own heat and power. They clean curtains at their own premises, collect and deliver; also on offer, a complete take down and rehang service with guarantees against shredding and shrinkage. One width of lined velvet curtain 6ft long costs about £4.80 with discount for quantity.

Pilgrim Payne, Latimer Place, Latimer Road, London W10 (960 5856)
Cleaners with 130 years experience – and a royal warrant. Carpets and upholstery cleaned on site, curtains taken down, cleaned and re-hung. They also re-line curtains or renew linings. Unlined curtains cost from 75p per foot drop per width.

Servicemaster, 50 Commercial Square, Freeman's Common, Leicester (0533 548620)
A franchised cleaning service operating worldwide and cleaning 10 million sq ft of carpet every day. They use the water extraction method, or shampoo, and have 30 chemicals that combine to suit the individual carpet. Charges vary among the 153 licensees, depending on their area and travel costs. An Indian carpet, 12ft x 9ft costs £28-£35.88. They also rescue furnishings from flood damage – dry out carpets and stretch back into place. Local franchisees are usually in *Yellow Pages*, or contact head office, above, for your nearest agent.

Thuroclean, 52 Bondway, London SW8 (582 8033), branches in Leeds and Glasgow
Emergency rescue after flood damage. This company arrives within two hours of a cry for help to extract water from carpets and furnishings, install drying and de-humidifying equipment, clean, and re-fit. They also offer an on-site carpet dyeing service – about one third of the cost of replacement – and they have a new product called Urinex to remove stains and smells – even old ones – left by less than lovable pets. The kit costs £14.95 including p&p from the Bondway address.

Permaclean Marie Blanche, 154 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (622 0151)
Launderers and cleaners who handle curtains, carpets, upholstery – and one of the few who clean lampshades. They do it on site, deal with all fabrics and costs are from 75p to £1 for a small wall light to £5 for a standard lampshade. Branches in Nottingham and Cardiff.

Oriental rugs

Hand cleaning of valuable Persian and other oriental rugs is usually available through retail specialists, who will also restore. There is no flat rate – all work is estimated individually, but you can expect a very lightly soiled rug about 6ft x 4ft in good condition to cost at least £15. Those who offer such services include:

Nissim, 23 Charlotte Road, London EC2 (739 5051)
Hand-woven and machine-made rugs cleaned and restored, Axminster and Wilton re-tufted on site – to repair small coal or cigarette burns, for example.



Knuckle-dusting: Mrs Kathleen Heggie of Pullars of Perth goes to work on a glove

Portman Carpets, 7 Portman Square, London W1 (486 3770)
Cleaning and restoration of antique and modern, oriental rugs, but only hand-woven.

Eric Pride, 8 Imperial Square, Cheltenham, (0242 580822)
Hand-made oriental rugs and kelims cleaned and restored on the premises. Eric Pride has a range of 700 shades of wool and makes blends to achieve any intermediate colours. He does not undertake restoration of silk rugs. Cleaning is 50p per sq ft.

House cleaning

BCS, 108 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 (741 2153)
Contract cleaners who will also spring clean domestic premises – ceilings, walls, paintwork, floors scrubbed, polished or stripped and resealed, cupboards turned out and contents washed. Minimum charge £40.

Skivvies, Unit C, Progress Road, Sands Industrial Estate, High Wycombe, Bucks (0494 442788)
A similar service to BCS, for grand houses where staff cannot cope or will not cope with the heavy stuff. Complete cleaning of smaller houses, too. They will also dry clean carpets and curtains.

J. G. McDonough, 347 New Kings Road, London SW6 (736 5146)
Plasterwork, cornices and ceiling roses cleaned and restored. Missing or damaged pieces can be matched exactly and sometimes this is less expensive than cleaning, particularly when detail has been obscured by years of emulsion paint. They deal with small domestic jobs from £100 to vast city premises at £100,000. Mouldings are from £1 to £20 per ft. Similar services are offered by Moran & Wheatley, Avondale Place, Batheaston, Somerset (0225 859678) and Hodkin & Jones, 515 Queen's Road, Sheffield (0742 56121).

Clothes

Collins Couture Cleaners, 99 Gloucester Road, London SW7 (373 8069), head office and 15 London branches.
Specialists in delicate fabrics, sequinned dresses, pleating. First class cleaning of leather – my suede jacket was returned pristine and supple – plus repairs to leathers and sheepskins. Excellent and best value hand-finished tie cleaning, £1.50, zip repairs £3.25, relining from £15 for a skirt, duvets and pillows cleaned, eiderdowns recovered from £27.25, converted to duvets from £38.75. Dyeing service (17 colours) will be available by the end of May.

Jeeves, 9 Pont Street, London SW1 (235 1101) and branches in Hampstead, Marble Arch and South Audley Street
Hand-finished laundry of fine linen, cleaners of antique clothes, soft toys, curtains, suede and leather, fur restoration. Cleaning of day clothes is from £5.65 for ladies' dresses, £21.60 for suede jackets, men's ties from £2.30. Trouser zips replaced from £7.40. Free delivery as far as Wimbledon Village, Totteridge and Stanmore.

Lilliman & Cox, 34 Bruton Place, Berkeley Square, London W1 (629 4555)
Sidney Lilliman, a master tailor, founded the company in 1944 with Arthur Cox and their three royal warrants testify to the high standards originally set and still maintained. They specialize in furs, suede and leather, uniforms, riding wear, theatrical costumes, bridal wear and raincoats. A two-piece suit costs £8.50 to clean, £5 to press only, ladies' suede jacket £14, day dress £9.50, trouser half-pockets £5.50 to replace. Delivery in London or postal service.

Gloves

Pullars of Perth, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth (0738 23456); Atherley Cleaners, 74 High Street, Shirley, Southampton (0703 788862); and Park Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1a Brownlow Street, Weymouth, Dorset (030 57 72573)
All these firms clean gloves – most others find it uneconomic. Expect to pay about £1.80 for fabric, £2.65 for leather, any length.

Hats

Lewis & Wayne, 9 Streatham High Road, London SW16 (769 8777). Branches in Elystan Street, London, SW3 and High Street, London, SE20.
Will clean trilby hats at £2.25 and fur hats from £3 in addition to their usual laundering and cleaning services.

Suede, leather, fur

Suede and Leather Care, 30 Preston Street, Brighton (0273 27488)
Cleaning and renovation of all suedes, leathers, sheepskins and fur. They will re-surface, re-tint, match panels, re-model and offer a postal cleaning service. A three-quarter-length coat cleaned, redressed and siliconed (to prevent spotting when you go out in the rain) from £18.50 up to £28.50 if the condition is poor. They also make leather clothes to order.

Suede Services, 2a Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 (455 0052)
Leon Simons has specialized in the treatment of suedes and leathers for 40 years. He re-oils, re-tints, resurfaces every type of natural skin garment. Cleaning of a skirt is £9.50, suede jacket £22 to £25, trousers £10. Fourteen-day postal service available.

Victor Segall Company, Invicta House, 17 Dufferin Street, London EC1 (253 3877)
The largest fur renovation specialists in the country. They clean, repair and remodel and can arrange for fur to be dyed.

Westmans Cleaners, Devonshire Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon (0934 28165)
Specialist cleaners of sheepskin operating a postal service here and abroad. They also deal with suede, leather, pigskin and split hides. Charges are fom £10.50 for jackets up to 30in, coats from £12.08.

Dyeing

Harry Berger, 25 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire (061 485 3421)
Postal and personal dyeing service with the best colour range I have seen. Harry Berger's company was founded by his grandfather and father in 1912, when they were also bespoke tailors. Their textile background gave them practical knowledge of fabrics and they send out an extremely useful sheet of notes on the suitability of fabrics for dyeing plus a chart of fade-resistant ratings for velvet curtains. They have 22 colours, plus black and they include shades not attempted by other postal services. Sample prices: skirt £6.60, candlewick single bedspread £6.90, curtains £3.45 per sq yd curtain plus postage. They are also general dry cleaners, and offer an alteration service; they even turn collars, from £1.50. Send a 9in × 6in sae for brochure before despatching clothes.



Chalfont Cleaners & Dyers, 222 Baker Street, London NW1 (935 7316).
One of the few cleaners who have steadfastly offered a postal and personal dyeing service while all around were saying it was uneconomic. They offer 16 colours plus black and prices are coats from £17.30, dresses £11.90, blankets £11 single.

Giltbrook Dyers and Cleaners, Hampden Street, Giltbrook, Nottinghamshire (Nottingham 382231)
Dry cleaners who also offer a postal dyeing service in 16 standard colours, or items, including lengths of fabric, dyed to individual specifications. Velvet curtains £2 per square yard plus postage, lady's coat £8.80. Also specialists in suede and leather cleaning and repair. They have 14 branches in the Nottingham and Derby areas.

Sketchley – all branches
When a nationwide chain of cleaners goes into dyeing it is obvious that too many cleaners have given up the service. This service is only four weeks old and the colours offered are the same shades as Chalfont and Giltbrook, plus lilac, making 17 colours, and black. They made an excellent job of the test garment I sent them – now a chic French navy instead of a drab grey. Prices from £4.49 for a skirt, £7.99 for a coat; 500 branches, no postal service.

Gem of an idea

Exposure, in the nicest possible way, is what many craftsmen need. Too often commissions are lost when their work is shown in a gallery simply because they have no retail outlet and prospective buyers find it too inconvenient to contact the designer direct.

The British Crafts Centre are taking a first step towards putting this right by organizing an important promotion of designer jewelry with Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1, who have given the display a prime site on their ground floor until May 16.

The range is remarkable. There are combinations of niobium and diamonds by Cathy Morrell, which achieve interesting contrasts of texture and colour, and Jacqueline Mina blends 18ct gold with coloured titanium to glamorous effect. In a less expensive category there are interesting wood and perspex bracelets and earrings by Lesley Miller from £13.50.

Price is always a problem for craftsmen trying to sell through retail outlets. It seems to me that

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the best way of encouraging British craftsmanship would be to lower the retail margins, and so sell more of the work, but this view is not taken by most retail stores with high overheads.

Many talented designers bring their work to me hoping for publicity which lack of space precludes. The occasionally bend the rules to give young designers a better chance of being seen and selling more.

Incidentally, being in a grumbly mood, I wish the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths would reconsider their hall-marking rules. It seems absurd to me that silver and gold cannot be hall-marked when they are combined with other metals such as titanium and niobium. If I had £2,160 to spend on the most expensive piece in the

Morrell brooch, silver and niobium, about £162



Mina brooch, gold and titanium, about £258

price they ask often barely covers their costs, yet if they sell through stores the retail mark-up is so high that the object becomes overpriced. It would be nice to think that a powerful, rich store would

Harvey Nichols show I wouldn't be at all attracted by the description "yellow metal and lapis lazuli", when I am actually buying 18ct gold. Can't the Goldsmiths bring themselves up to date?

DRINK

Bibber's invitation to bliss

Cynical wine bibbers may well feel that France, and Bordeaux in particular, produces a "vintage of the century" just about every year, but few of us would deny that the '61 clarets are every Bordeaux wine buff's idea of heaven. Claret cognoscenti regard the '61s, along with the legendary '45s, '49s and '53s, as standing head and shoulders above any other claret vintages within recent memory, with several going so far as to single out the '61s as the most magnificent of them all. Certainly the current auction room prices of the '61 first growths, which exchange hands for a hefty £100 per bottle and more, reflect this view.

As with those other vintages of the century it was the freak weather pattern during the spring and summer of 1961 that created such a miraculous vintage. A poor spring with rain and frost dramatically reduced the crop. This was followed by an incredibly dry, hot August and September. The result was a small but happily highly concentrated number of grapes. In fact the '61 red wine vintage is one of the smallest on record since the war.

All of which should explain why I posted off an immediate acceptance to an extraordinarily generous invitation from Keith Knight of the Houstoun House Hotel in Scotland to celebrate the coming of age of his son Sandy with a unique tasting of no less than 31 top wines from this vintage. Just over a dozen of us sat down to this event.

As always, scores and opinions differed slightly, but the overall view was that Pétrus and Latour just had the edge over the rest. I was inclined to favour the latter, for Latour's tremendous closed-in concentration and depth means that this great wine will definitely outlive the rest. The revered '61 Pétrus was for me a bit of a puzzler; its staggeringly rich, almost sunburnt fruit reminded me a little of those New World Merlots, and although it softened up slightly in the glass, be warned: this wine at first sip is positively overwhelming.

I placed Cheval Blanc and Palmer roughly on a par with Latour. Cheval Blanc because its powerful and seductive cedar-wood perfume and taste are to me exactly what a great claret is all about, and Palmer because this big, fruity charmer is indeed a classic from this château and to me deserves every inch of its reputation.

Running second equal with Pétrus in my book was Mouton Rothschild whose intense, rich cassis character was of star quality and, like the Latour, Mouton is capable of going on for quite some years yet. Lafite crept in for me in third place and, like everyone else at this tasting, I found its admittedly elegant bramble and blackcurrant bouquet coupled with a slightly acidic taste a bit of a disappointment – particularly as its auction price is so high.

Unlike the others I relegated the last two first growths to my second division, definitely preferring Cos d'Estournel, Ducru Beaucaillou and Figeac to Margaux and Haut Brion. Cos d'Estournel in particular boasted a lovely spicy, peppery taste while that other second growth, Ducru Beaucaillou, also seemed a definite step ahead of the seconds with its austere, smoky-cedary character.

Figeac was also showing its fine grassy-blackcurranty Cabernet Sauvignon style with ease. Margaux came next on my list; the problem with this '61 is that it took a very long time to come round in the glass. But after much dithering it eventually produced a very fine, fragrant flowery bouquet and taste. Haut Brion again was a slight disappointment as I felt this '61 was edgy, nervous and really not at its best.

But overall I felt these '61s represented a magical vintage, with all save the odd wine drinking beautifully now. What better way of celebrating a twenty-first could anyone have? Happy Birthday!

Jane MacQuitty

The '61 first-growth clarets are very rare and difficult to obtain through wine merchants. The best source is at auction. Christie's (839 9060) have a small quantity of '61 clarets coming up for auction on May 12 and a much larger quantity on May 19. Sotheby's (493 8081) will be auctioning '61 clarets on June 15.

IN THE GARDEN

A riot of colour for Toxteth at Liverpool flower festival

Almost exactly 12 months from now, the biggest horticultural event since the 1851 Exhibition was reassembled at Sydenham will open in Liverpool. It will run from May to October.

The International Garden Festival is promoted and organized by the Merseyside Development Corporation and is already being called "Liverpool 84". Gardening display is the main theme of the exhibition but it will be broadly based to appeal to a wide public.

The site of the exhibition is 125 acres of derelict dockland, close to the Toxteth area of Liverpool. Work has been in progress for more than 12 months and more than 4,250,000 cubic feet of soil have been used. Old petroleum tanks and a derelict dock have been filled in and landscaped to create a site suitable for a festival. Design is in the hands of a number of teams of architects, each of which has a particular project to manage. The design co-ordinator is R. D. Beaumont of William Gillespie and Partners.

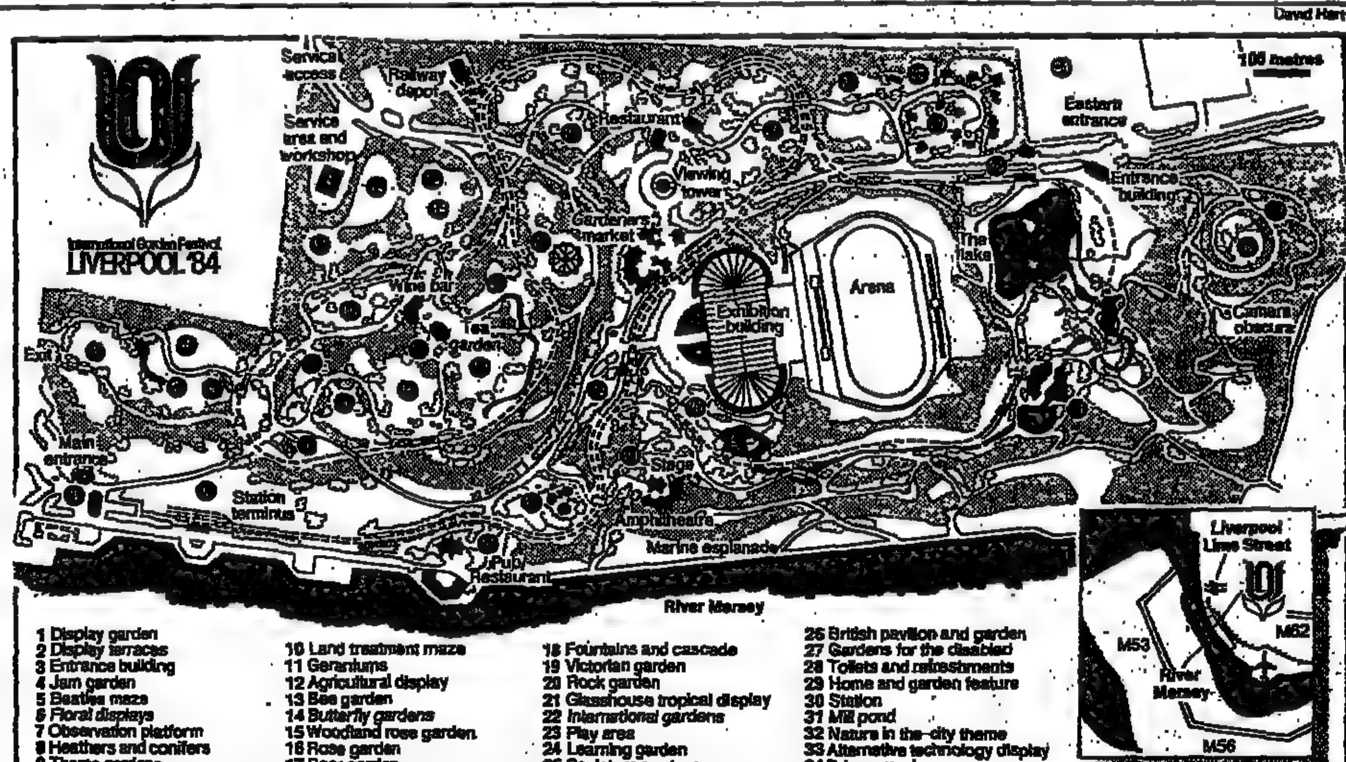
Following the post-war German example, the festival will provide the impetus for establishing a permanent park for an area of the city which has been neglected for too long. About half the site, including much of the landscaping as well as the water features, will remain after the festival as a public garden. The hall and arena will be converted into a sports and recreation centre by the city council and have been designed with such conversion in mind. The rest of the site will be given over to science-based industry and housing. A master plan has been agreed for the design teams and the costing is being controlled by Tweed, Atkinson, Lewis and Partners.

Area 1 comprises the domestic and international theme gardens, the home and garden feature and structure plantings. Area 2 has a water feature and some development of the central road which runs through the site, a gardeners' market and more structure plantings. Both areas are with William Gillespie and Partners.

Staff from Brian Clouston and Partners are in charge of Area 3, the riverside area, which will demonstrate interlinking footpaths and permanent planting of woodlands as well as the theme of nature in the city.

Area 4 will take in the winning design from the landscape competition as well as the water feature which is to be part of this exhibition. Derek Lovejoy and Partners are to carry out this work. Arup Associates have Area 5 and their contribution is to be a domed structure to house the indoor plant exhibits as well as the piazza and service area for the arena.

Areas 6, 7 and 8 are structure developments such as the miniature railway, the hydraulics for the water features, the esplanade and river walks as well as the new river wall. Firms involved in these areas include Ward, Ashcroft and Parkman, W. G. Curtin and Partners and Cass Associates.



David Hart

Beautiful site : Liverpool 84, the most ambitious horticultural event in Britain for more than 100 years

The exhibition will be international and will include gardens from the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, Canada, Portugal, Belgium, Italy and Greece. The organizers hope that there will be up to 20 foreign entries. The Department of the Environment is involved in plans for a British pavilion.

It is hoped that the high quality of the international exhibits will stimulate British horticulturists to do even better. Among the many exciting projects are a garden commemorating the Beatles, another on the theme of the streets of Liverpool and a jam garden. The Royal National Rose Society will present a rose garden and, intriguingly, there will be a "whisky garden".

An exhibit called "Gardening for Everyone" will concentrate on help and advice for disabled gardeners, who often derive greater pleasure from their gardens than do the able-bodied.

Bedding will naturally play an important part in producing colour and spectacle during the exhibition. At present there are 30 local authorities developing schemes and ideas to a brief laid down by the design team. The national bulb and seed organizations as well as the Bedding Plant Association and the Royal Parks will also be involved.

Indoor plants have not been neglected. Throughout the festival there will be displays under cover to allow the indoor specialists to show what they can do.

About 100,000 trees have already been planted on the site and reclamation planting will double this number. This must be one of the biggest planting schemes ever undertaken in a single season.

The landscaping will not be the only feature: there will be more plants than at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Lord Aberconway, president of the Royal Horticultural Society, is the commissioner general of Liverpool 84 and he is actively encouraging countries and people to participate. Sponsorship is invited from firms and organizations. They can write to International Garden Festival 84, Merseyside Development Corporation, 4th Floor, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool L3 1JH.

Ashley Stephenson

Corylopsis

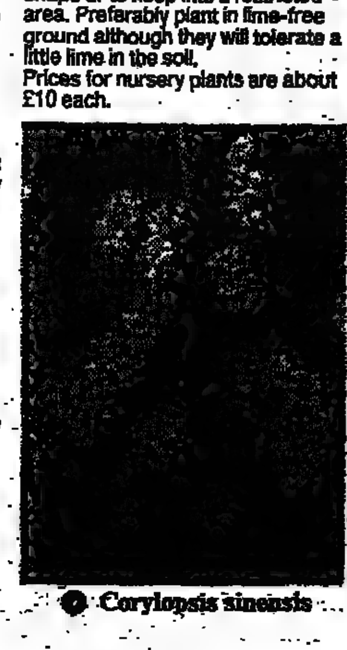
These are a small group of plants which flower in the spring. In the south they are in flower now or just passing over, while in the more northerly parts they are just coming into flower. The *Corylopsis* belong to the same family as the Witch Hazel, both also producing flowers on leafless branches. Leaves are beginning to burst as the flowers fade but the pale yellow flowers are another reminder that summer is almost here.

There are at least three species which can be bought by shopping around; there are others but these can be difficult to buy. *Corylopsis pauciflora* needs some shelter from cold winds. Racemes of light yellow flowers are carried on leafless branches and they have a light scent to them. When mature they can be at least 6ft high and have an even wider spread.

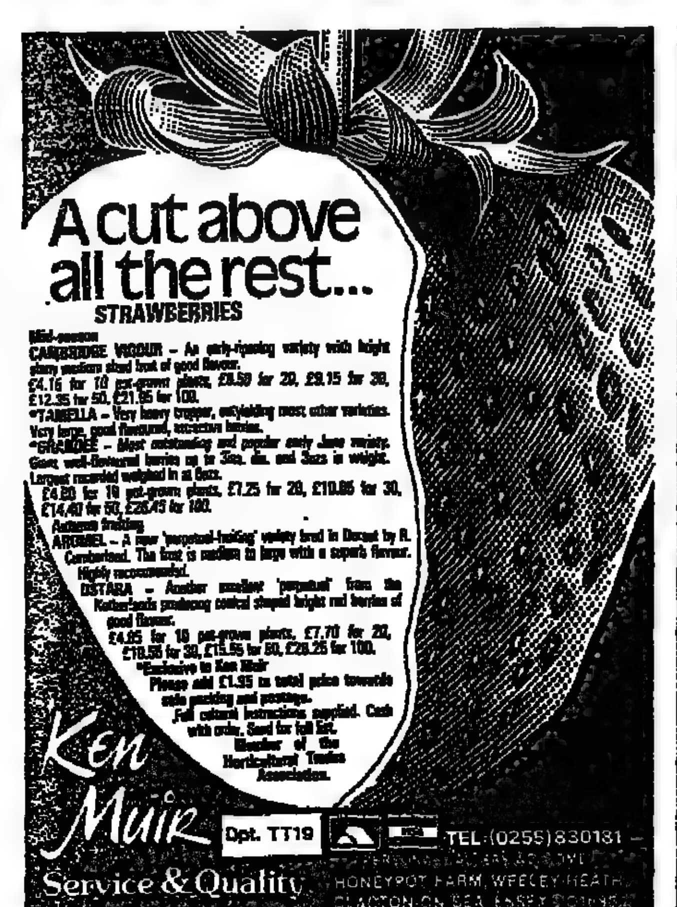
Corylopsis Wilmottiae, next on my list, is a taller shrub and more upright in habit. It needs less room to spread but requires an open position still protected from cold winds. (Cold drying winds affect the plants.) In the right position they will tolerate low temperatures but never wet ground. The racemes of flowers are more dense than the *pauciflora's* and somewhat longer; the colour is also a little deeper. Its flowers are scented.

Corylopsis spicata, the least attractive of the three, is still an excellent early flowering shrub. It will reach 5ft or 6ft and is fairly rounded in habit; in common with the others, it is inclined to be twiggy. Flower colour is paler and could possibly be said to be greenish yellow, the flowers are scented and they are earlier than the other two by about a week. Once planted they need little attention, pruning only to retain shape or to keep into a restricted area. Preferably plant in lime-free ground although they will tolerate a little lime in the soil.

Prices for nursery plants are about £10 each.



Corylopsis sinensis







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REVIEW Old jazz records reissued

Replicas that hark back to Hard Bop

Browsing through the racks of specialist jazz record shops is becoming increasingly like entering a time machine switched permanently into the Hard Bop years of the late 1950s and early 1960s. Between the shiny new issues, such as Miles Davis's **Star People** *(CBS 25395)* and Gil Evans's **The British Orchestra** *(Mole Jazz MOLE 8)*, both relevant to important recent events and both highly recommended, the customer is confronted by bins overflowing with the stock which might have been found in such an establishment 20 years ago.

Only tiny legends betray the fact that some of those beautiful Blue Note discs, resplendent in their original Reid Miles covers, come from Japan, others from France; a small symbol indicates the French provenance of the sturdy Jazzlands; a single discreet rubric identifies certain Riverside and Prestige LPs as the produce of California; and a change of address denotes the recent manufacture of the otherwise immaculate Contemporary albums.

In the 1970s, jazz reissues were conceived as repackages. The original albums were taken apart, reprogrammed to fit a compiler's theme or a chronology, and released with new artwork and sleeve notes, frequently as "twofer" (two for the price of one) bargains. This was a worthy philosophy, since the new programming was often of greater service to students, as were more extensive annotation and discographical information; but it did not satisfy the new breed of collector, whose passion was for originality.

Typically, this new collector was someone who came to jazz during the Hard Bop era, soon after the long-playing record had become established. In those days, he probably could afford to purchase only the smallest proportion of the profusion of discs which were pouring out of the studio of New York and Los Angeles; since many were not even released outside America, he found himself falling in love from afar. Now, in his maturity and perhaps, prosperity, he is in a better position to lap them up, and he wants them the way they were when he first lusted after them.

Auctions are one increasingly popular way to satisfy the desire. Original Blue Note, Riverside, Contemporary and Prestige pressings are now put out to bidding on circularized lists by a number of specialists, but the prices in many cases are prohibitive, pushed up by overseas bidders, particularly the Japanese. One may still occasionally get lucky in the markets and junk shops, but the second-hand trade is now only too aware of the value of its merchandise.

Various companies have perceived that the answer lies in replicas: in reproducing as accurately as possible the artwork (sleeve and label) and, in some particularly assiduous cases, the pressing quality of these artifacts from two and three decades ago.

Inevitably, the Japanese started the turntables rolling with various series which showed a pleasing concentration on the obscure gem rather than the obvious classic. King Records of Tokyo has been particularly successful with its Blue Note issues, which come enclosed in covers fabricated from something approaching the old thick matt board used in the days when the records came from 43 West 61st Street, New York – indeed, in the case of the recently released **Blue and Sentimental**, by Ike Quebec, they have even gone to the length of maintaining the discrepancy between that address, which was printed at the bottom of the rear of the jacket, and 47 West 63rd Street, which appears on the disc's label.

Blue and Sentimental (ST 8398) is in every way a fine example of the genre. Quebec was a superior tenor saxophonist much admired inside the jazz world, whose four Blue Note releases in the early 1960s attracted little attention. This particular issue finds him at his most relaxed and authoritative, in the company of three Blue Note regulars: the guitarist Grant Green, who avoids the blues clichés he used elsewhere during the period and plays quite beautifully as a result, the bassist Paul Chambers and the drummer Philly Joe Jones, who had worked together in Miles Davis's quintet. Jones's work behind Quebec on the medium-tempo "Minor Impulse" is one of the finest examples of his superbly propulsive punctuation.

In Paris, Pathé-Marconi has picked up the idea and is now marketing its own line of Blue Note replicas. Not quite as convincingly accurate as the Japanese, they nevertheless have almost the correct grade of sleeve card and a pressing as close as is possible with today's European technology to the old bevelled-edge heavyweights on which the needle landed with such a gratifyingly mellow plop.

From their first batch of 21 issues, I would choose Hank Mobley's **Workout** *(BST 84080)*, for three reasons: Mobley has always been an unfairly neglected tenor saxophonist, whose recordings have generally stood the test of time better than most; this LP also features Green, Chambers and Jones, with the addition of the incomparable pianist Wynton Kelly; and, lastly, it is precisely the kind of album one never thought to see restored to the catalogue, least of all in its pristine originality.

The French have also been at it with the Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland catalogues, thanks to the house of Carrère. **Evidence** *(Prestige New Jazz 68328)* is in some ways the most satisfying recording by that prolific soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy, thanks to brilliant work by the trumpeter Don Cherry and drummer Billy Higgins, and to a repertoire divided between Duke Ellington and Thelonious Monk; original copies are worth their inflated auction price on musical value alone, so this is a genuine bargain.

I had not heard Harold Land's **West Coast Blues** *(Jazzland 920S)* before, but, in the light of his other excellent sessions from the period, such as Contemporary's *The Fox* and Atlantic's *Hear Ye! Hear Ye!*, was fully prepared for the substantial nature of a session which teams the saxophonist with Joe Gordon's trumpet, Wes Montgomery's guitar and something described by the sleeve copy writer in the argot of the era as the "all-soul rhythm section" of Barry Harris, Sam Jones and Louis Hayes – Cannonball Adderley's unit at the time.

So much, at least in outline, for Japan and France. Now the original source has cottoned on, and the present owners of Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland – the Fantasy company of California – have put together an extensive release of 40 items from the archives, each in the form in which it was first seen, and retailing at the very rational price of about £5.

It is with great delight that one welcomes the **Thelonious Monk Trio** *(Prestige OJC 010)*, with that funny futuristic yellow and black label design and the surrealist cover painting by Gil Mellé, himself a composer of some renown; these are classic recordings of such tunes as "Blue Monk", "Little Rootie Tootie", "Trinkle Tinkle" and "Just a Gigolo", and – earlier repackages notwithstanding – this probably represents the most sensible way in which to acquire them.

Kenny Burrell's self-titled album *(OJC 019)* is a particularly outstanding example of the genre known as the "blowing session", long discredited and now perhaps due for reappraisal. What could be kinder to the ears than this extended treatment of "Don't Cry Baby", a blues which brings the very best out of the leader's guitar, Pepper Adams's baritone saxophone and Tommy Flanagan's piano? Despite its informal organization, not a note of the result could be changed.

Wynton Kelly's **Kelly Blue** *(Riverside OJC 033)* may well go overlooked in this flood, which also includes releases by Miles Davis, Sonny Rollins, Milt Jackson with and without the rest of the MJQ, Cannonball Adderley, Wes Montgomery, Gene Ammons, Clifford Brown, Bill Evans and Art Blakey. That would be a pity.

The foundation of this exemplary record is one of the great Miles Davis rhythm sections, in which Kelly is joined by Paul Chambers and Jimmy Cobb; on two of the LP's six tracks they are augmented by Nat Adderley (cornet), Bobby Jaspar (flute) and Benny Golson (tenor saxophone). The trio accounts of "Willow Weep for Me" and "Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise" are full of the calm joy which suffused Kelly's playing; the writing for sextet on the title piece is simple but imaginative, setting the scene for a startlingly good solo by Adderley, who was sadly accustomed to operating in the shadows of his extrovert brother and Miles Davis, his primary influence.

None of the replicas so far discussed has been generated by the company which initiated the recordings: these catalogues long ago passed into other hands. An exception is the Contemporary label, which specialized in the West Coast Jazz of the 1950s and 1960s, and which has lately been reactivated by the son of the company's founder. Several valuable Art Pepper reissues are testimony to his efforts; so is **Teddy's Ready** *(1007583)*, by the tenor saxophonist Teddy Edwards, featuring the excellent team of Leroy Vinnegar (bass) and Billy Higgins (drums), a typically unpretentious but satisfying session packaged in a superb cover, shot by William Claxton and with the kind of exciting typography which marked this period.

Indeed, it is tempting to take some of these evocative sleeves and frame them, such is the excellence of their design. While one may look askance at contemporary replicas of vintage Bugatti sports cars and Cartier watches, the similar trend among jazz records seems entirely commendable.

Richard Williams



Spirit of jazz: Stylish sleeves grace reissues by Thelonious Monk, Kenny Burrell and Harold Land

PREVIEW Theatre

Never too much of Much Ado

The opening of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Barbican Theatre this week marks Derek Jacobi's first performances in London with the Royal Shakespeare Company. The highly acclaimed and good-looking production was first seen last year at Stratford-on-Avon, directed by Terry Hands and with Sinead Cusack playing Beatrice opposite Derek Jacobi's Benedick.

Terry Hands, joint artistic director at the RSC, had been trying to entice Jacobi into the company for seven years, but there was always film or television work in the way. *Much Ado* "celebrated his final arrival with us", Hands says.

Fellow director Barry Kyle, whose production of the rarely performed Jacobean drama *The Roaring Girl* recently opened in repertory at the Barbican, said that he much preferred to explore this sort of little-known work than to put on the 10,000th production of a popular Shakespeare play. Hands had no such qualms.

Much Ado is "one of the great plays", he says simply. "It will never disappoint, and far from being performed too much it can hardly be done enough.

"We wanted to try and turn recent tradition, in which Beatrice and Benedick are played as a middle-aged couple, with Beatrice afraid that she has missed her last chance of marriage. I am sure that Shakespeare was thinking of a young couple with their life ahead of them, and this changes the play radically."

Hands had seen interpretations which were very black in their humour; by making Beatrice and Benedick young people, the black humour is diminished and the wit becomes more enjoyable, he believes. A Beatrice in her early twenties – where Hands places her – while wistful at having already passed marriageable age, can still be optimistic about the future.

As if to prove his point, *Much Ado* achieved the highest box office returns of the Stratford season, beating *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Macbeth* and *King Lear*.

He dismisses any danger of the production going stale. "We have refined it since Stratford, re-rehearsed it and some of the cast are new. The more you perform Shakespeare the more you lose in effort, but gain in the depth of the play. *Much Ado* is far better than last year."

For Sinead Cusack, Beatrice makes a "double" of strong-willed Shakespearian ladies, complementing her Kate in *The Taming of the Shrew*, also in repertory at the Barbican. Derek Jacobi has three more leading roles during the season – Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*, Prospero, and Cyrano de Bergerac in a new production of Rostand's play by Terry Hands.

Christopher Warman

Previews of *Much Ado About Nothing* today at 2pm and 7.30pm, and Mon-Wed at 7.30pm. Opens Thurs at 7pm.

Nobby Clark



Rflections on the dark: Derek Jacobi, as Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing

Critics' choice

ANOTHER COUNTRY
Queen's (734 1166)
Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 8.30pm; matinées Wed at 3pm and Sat at 5.15pm
Wars won on the playing fields of Eton are at the opposite end of Julian Mitchell's portrait of an English public school as a breeding ground for traitors. A fascinating production by Stuart Burge with a cast including Daniel Day Lewis and John Dougall.

CRYSTAL CLEAR
Wyndhams (836 3028)
Mon-Fri at 8.15pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm; matinée Wed at 3pm
Incisively characterized and intensely moving account of a triangular relationship, showing how allegiances shift when one of the partners goes blind. Text and production by Phil Young and his three actors (Anthony Allen, Philomena McDonagh and Diana Barrett) rank as the greatest triumph for the collective method yet seen on the British stage.

EDMUND KEAN
Lyric, Hammersmith (741 2311)
Final performance today, 8.15pm
Infinitely subtler than his recent TV version, Ben Kingsley's solo performance as the great nineteenth-century tragedian is one of the finest feasts of acting in London. Raymund FitzSimons's script carries him from starving obscurity through Drury Lane triumph to a drunken death with style and an astringent sense of irony.

HEARTBREAK HOUSE
Haymarket (930 9832)
Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Wed and Sat at 2.30pm
Shaw's wry, poetic picture of "civilized" Europe pre-1914, lovingly brought to life in John Dexter's production. Diana Rigg's Mrs Hushabye surpasses even her Eliza Doolittle, Rex Harrison makes a salty and whimsical Shotover, and Rosemary Harris, Paxton Whitehead and Simon Ward make the comic scenes a real treat.

A MAP OF THE WORLD
Lyttelton (928 2252)
May 12, 1at 7.45pm. In repertory
David Hare debates art versus social action in the form of a duel between an ex-patriot Indian novelist and a radical English journalist, against the background of a Bombay conference on world poverty. A witty, eloquent and fatally over-ingenious production, with a fine central partnership between Roshan Seth and Bill Nighy.

MR CINDER
Fortune (836 2238)
Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.45pm; matinée Thurs at 3pm
Packed with enchanting songs and boasting a witty performance by Denis Lawson of acrobatic brilliance, Vivian Ellis's 1929 musical recasts *Cinderella* in the anyone-for-tennis age. Modest staging; but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

NOISES OFF
Savoy (836 8888)
Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinée Wed at 3pm
The funniest farce for years. Michael Frayn's brilliantly contrived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage dramas is still keeping houses full and audiences helpless with laughter after its first cast-change. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael Blakemore's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the connoisseur's classic.

THE REAL THING
Strand (836 2660)
Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinée Wed at 2.30pm
Highly uncharacteristic play by Tom Stoppard, starring Roger Rees as a successful playwright who discovers true love at the cost of his marbles, a fate the play shares with its protagonist, despite much ingenuity, some marvellous writing and a gallant performance by Felicity Kendal.

THE RIVALS
Olivier (928 2252)
May 13 at 7.15pm. In repertory
Peter Wood's sparkling revival of Sheridan fulfils the promise of its cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a young but hilariously affected Mrs Malaprop, Sir Michael Hordern, gouty and irascible, Patrick Ryecart as a witty hero and Tim Curry as the Devonshire squire bringing a fresh farmyard air to the world of the minuet.

SMALL CHANGE
Cottesloe (928 2252)
May 9-12 at 7.30pm (May 9: "Bargain Night" – all seats £2, unreserved). In repertory
Revival of Peter Gill's evocation of childhood in working-class Cardiff, assembled from numerous remembered details and dissolving the boundaries between past and present.

Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Repertory (021 236 4455). The American Clock by Arthur Miller. Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4pm and 8pm; matinée Thurs at 2.30pm.
The British premiere of Miller's latest play, which focuses on the tragedy and absurdity of America's Depression years. Directed by Peter Farago, with Joris Stuyck and Ben Warriss.

DUBLIN: Abbey (0001 744505). Hamlet. Mon-Sat at 8pm. Directed by Michael Bogdanov, with Stephen Brennan, Niall Toibin, Joan O'Hara, Desmond Perry. Staged in modern dress.

GLASGOW: Mayfest (central booking and information on 041 221 3198/552 5961). Until May 14.
The city's first International Festival of Popular Theatre and Music continues with performances by companies from eastern and western Europe, Africa, North America, the Caribbean and the British Isles. This week's highlights: Dario Fo and Franca Rame's *Female Parts*, performed by Juliet Cadzow (Mayfest Club, Mitchell Theatre, today at 1pm); *The Best of the Black Light Theatre*, a compilation by the famous Prague illusionists (Tron, today at 2pm and 8pm); *Pula* and *Imbumba*, a double bill about life for the black South African, written and directed by Matsemela Manaka performed by Soyikwa African Theatre from Soweto (Third Eye Centre, today at 7pm); *Bacula's Swine*, a Georgian farce, and *Don Juan* by Molière, performed by the Tbilisi Film Actors' Studio Theatre from the Soviet Union (Tron, Tues-Sat at 8pm; matinée May 14 at 2pm); *The Slab Boys* by John Byrne, the comic trilogy about life in a Paisley carpet factory, here performed in a complete run by the Traverse Theatre Company (Citizens, until May 14, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm; complete cycle Sat at 12pm, 4pm and 8pm).

LIVERPOOL: Everyman (051 709 4776). Our Day Out by Willy Russell. Tues-Sat at 8pm.
A musical version of Russell's famous television play, which describes the chaos of a school trip to Wales. A joint production by the Everyman and the Everyman Youth Theatre. Music by Willy Russell, Bob Eaton and Chris Mellor.

NOTTINGHAM: Theatre Royal (0602 42328). Bubbling Brown Sugar, music by Duke Ellington, Fats Waller, Billie Holiday, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman and others, choreography by Billy Wilson. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Wed and Sat at 2.30pm.
The successful celebration of Harlem's music and night life continues its tour of Britain.

SALISBURY: Playhouse (0722 20117). The Secret Garden adapted by Alfred Shaughnessy from the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, music by Sharon Burgett. Tues, Wed and Fri at 7.15pm, Thurs at 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm.
The first musical version of the children's classic, in which a disagreeable orphan girl unlocks the secrets of a large house on the Yorkshire moors. Directed by David Horlock, with Sara Markland, Richard Charles and Jonathan Jackson as the young principals.

STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 295623). Twelfth Night. Today Mon, Thurs, Fri at 7.30pm.
Directed by John Caird, with Miles Anderson, Gemma Jones, John Thaw, Zoë Wanamaker, Daniel Massey and Emrys James.
Julius Caesar. Tues, Wed at 7.30pm; matinées today and May 12 at 1.30pm. Both plays continue in repertory.
Directed by Ron Daniels, with Joseph O'Conor, David Schofield, Gemma Jones, Emrys James, Peter McEnery.

STRATFORD: The Other Place (0789 295623). The Time of Your Life by William Saroyan. Today at 2pm, Tues, Wed at 7.30pm. In repertory.
The first RSC production of Saroyan's gentle comedy of the Depression years, set in a waterfront bar in San Francisco. Directed by Howard Davies, with Daniel Massey, John Thaw, Zoë Wanamaker.

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PREVIEW Galleries

NOVA MULHER
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (638 4141). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 9am-11pm
The Festival of Brazil begins with a two-part show giving an overall picture of the work of women artists in Brazil today and of Brazilian women artists based in Europe. An exhibition of works by 10 of the former and nine of the latter, covering a wide variety of media, is accompanied by another devoted to Rita Loureira's colourful paintings "Interpretation of Macunaima", in which the self-taught artist evokes scenes and images from the legend of the Brazilian folk-hero.

THE AMERICAN PHOTOREALISTS
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (839 3942). Until June 3, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm
The United States was the original home of the movement of painting known as photorealism or hyperrealism, and it continues today to be one of the most fruitful sources of new art along this line.

THE ESSENTIAL CUBISM
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until July 10, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, 2-5.30pm
The most spectacular collection of Cubist masterpieces to have been brought together in this country since the inception of the movement itself. The intention of the show is to educate us in the central role played by Cubism in the careers of several major figures of twentieth-century art, and in the evolution of modern art as a whole.

THE HAGUE SCHOOL
Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 9052). Until July 10, daily 10am-6pm
The Hague School of painters laid the foundations for some of the developments in twentieth-century art. Inspired by seventeenth-century Dutch canvases, their paintings between 1870 and 1900 were avidly collected in America and Britain. One hundred and thirty landscapes, marine scenes and interiors by Bloomers, Bosboom and other members of the school are on show, as well as several early paintings by Van Gogh and Mondrian, who were both influenced by them.

TOPOLSKI FATHER AND SON
Wylma Wayne Fine Art, 17 Old Bond Street, London W1 (629 4511). Until May 24, Mon-Fri 10.30am-6pm
Exhibition of paintings and drawings by Feliks Topolski and photographs by his son Daniel made during six months' travelling in South America.

GUSTAVE DORE 1832-1883
Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, St James's, London SW1 (930 6422). Until Thurs, Mon-Thurs 10am-5.30pm
Splendid tribute marking the centenary of Doré's death. With drawings, watercolours and original woodblocks of some of his most famous illustrations, not to mention sculptures and sketches for major oils, it reminds us of the almost inconceivable fame enjoyed by Doré in his own lifetime, achieved in the teeth of critics who did not like his being self-taught and mistrusted such widespread popularity. It also reminds us that, for all his reputation as a playboy, he saw more clearly than most the dark side of city life and the more frightening depths of the human imagination.

PERCY WYNDHAM LEWIS
Anthony D'Offay Gallery, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (629 1578). Until May 14, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm
Exhibition of drawings and watercolours, including works once believed to have been lost. Covering the period 1910 to 1920, the exhibits include examples of Lewis's vorticist paintings, war drawings and portraits, among them one of Ezra Pound.

PAULE VEZELAY
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until May 22, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm
The Anglo-French painter has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and this retrospective is an overdue tribute. She was born in Bristol, spent many years in Paris, where she was involved in the abstraction-creation movement of the 1930s and returned to Britain in 1939. She was one of the earliest British artists to go over completely to abstraction.

EDMUND DULAC
Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, London E2 (739 8368). Until May 30, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm
Arthur Rackham's principal rival in the production of fancifully illustrated gift books, especially for children, Dulac has had to wait until the year after his centenary for a major show of his work in all media. Of course, the illustrations to the *Arabian Nights* and other exotic tales still seize most of the attention, but it is good to be reminded also of his spare and elegant designs for stamps and coinage (including both for Edward VIII), his painting and his varied work in the applied arts.

TUDOR PORTRAITS
National Portrait Gallery, London WC2 (930 1552). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm
The National Portrait Gallery's extraordinary holding of Tudor portraits is back on display in the redesigned and redecorated Gallery 1, supplemented with some new acquisitions, including a fine full-length portrait of Edward VI by a follower of Holbein. The famous full-height Holbein cartoon of Henry VIII, which has undergone elaborate conservation, and other old favourites, including the five widely varied portraits of Elizabeth I, are to be seen in a new setting intended to evoke the period.

Photography

INFOCUS
Kodak Gallery, 190 High Holborn, London WC1 (405 7841). Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Until June 3
Work from the Association of Freelance Advertising and Editorial Photographers which amounts to the high gloss saccharin world of advertising; exotic locations and exotic colour from which technically competent work is produced.

HUMPHREY SPENDER
The Playhouse, The High, Harlow, Essex (0279 31945). Mon-Sat 11am-8pm approx. May 12-June 4
Retrospective of documentary photographer Humphrey Spender. Includes his hard, objective images, dating to the thirties, of the people of Bolton, part of Tom Harrison's Mass Observation project, less well-known pictures of the Jarrow marchers and probation officers in London's East End slums during the 1930s and 1940s, and his contemporary concern: the harsh treatment meted out to the countryside by some farmers.

WORK AND WIT
Side Gallery, 9 Side, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 322208). Until June 5, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat and Sun 11am-5pm
Since its opening in 1977 the Side Gallery has built up an impressive collection of documentary photographs by national and international names such as Bill Brandt, Robert Doisneau, Chris Killip and Russell Lee. Ian Jeffrey, the historian who selected this exhibition from the archive, suggests that photo-documents have to be read with care and that an awareness of an individual photographer's political stance can sometimes help us in the way we view his or her pictures. Much of the work on show was specially commissioned by Side and looks at life and landscape in the North of England. Also on show until May 22 is a selection of work by the British pioneer photo-journalist Bert Hardy: famous pictures of the Blitz, Scottish slums, London dockland and later work from Korea, all from the files of the Radio Times Hulton Picture Library.



Vote catchers: Spender's view of Bolton elections (1937)

STONYPATH AND CITY LIGHTS
Photogallery, The Foresters' Arms, Shepherd Street, St Leonards, East Sussex (0424 440140). Until May 21, Wed-Sat 11am-6pm
Photographs by John Stathatos of Ian Hamilton Finlay's outrageous sculpture garden which is currently under threat in Scotland, plus a colour sequence on London's urban landscape.

THE SICILIAN MAFIA
Camerawork, 121 Roman Road, London E2 (980 6256). Until May 28, Tues 1-6pm, Wed-Sat 11am-6pm
For more than a century the Mafia has been the dominant force in Sicilian social and political life. The last 20 years have seen its expansion into international drug trafficking and high finance. This exhibition is the work of members of the Sicilian Documentation Centre which was founded in 1977 to research and document the problem of the Mafia. Photographs show the organization in both its social and historical context while portraying the vitality of working-class life in Palermo.

ALVIN LANGDON COBURN: MAN OF MARK 1882-1966
Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm
In 1930 Coburn gave his collection of photographs to the Royal Photographic Society before destroying 15,000 negatives; this exhibition is drawn from that archive.



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Today 7 May 8.00 pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Yehudi Menuhin (conductor) Andras Schiff (piano) Mozart Overture, Don Giovanni; Mozart Piano Concerto in E flat, K.482; Mozart Serenade in F, K.101; Mozart Symphony No 38 (Prague). £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 E.C.O. & Mus Soc Ltd
Sunday 8 May 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Philharmonic Choir Christoph Eschenbach (cond) Suzanne Murphy (sop) Sally Burgess (in pl of soloist) (cont) Richard Morton (ten) Gwynne Howell (bass) Beethoven Symphony No 1; Mozart Requiem. £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.60, £6.80, £8 LPO Ltd
Monday 9 May 8.00 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Philharmonia Chorus Vladimir Ashkenazy (cond) Sheila Armstrong (sop) Ryland Davies (ten) John Shirley-Quirk (baritone) Rachmaninov Three Russian Songs; Sibelius Symphony No 3; Rachmaninov The Bells. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, (only). Philharmonia Ltd
Tuesday 10 May 8.00 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Vernon Handley (conductor) John Lill (piano) Rossini Overture, William Tell; Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2; Elgar Variations on an original theme (Enigma). £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50 Philharmonia Ltd
Wednesday 11 May 8.00 pm	BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Bournemouth Sinfonietta Bournemouth Symphony Chorus Uri Segal (cond) Sheila Armstrong (sop) Alfreda Hodgson (cont) Mahler Symphony No 2 (Resurrection) There will be no interval during this performance. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 (only) Western Orchestral Soc Ltd
Thursday 12 May 8.00 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Kurt Masur (conductor) Elisabeth Leonskaja (piano) Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1; Bruckner Symphony No 4 (Romantic). £2.20, £3.10, £4, £5, £6, £7, £8 RPO Ltd
Friday 13 May 8.00 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Christoph Eschenbach (conductor) Justus Frantz (piano) Wagner Prelude, Tristan und Isolde; Beethoven Piano Concerto No 5 (Emperor); Schubert Symphony No 9 (Great). £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.60, £6.80, (only). LPO Ltd
Saturday 14 May 8.00 pm	ENGLISH BACH FESTIVAL 21ST ANNIVERSARY CONCERT English Bach Festival Chorus and Baroque Orchestra Wolfgang Gonnenwein (cond) Lynda Russell, Paul Esswood, Martyn Hill, Henry Herford Bach Suite No 4; Cantata, BWV.110; Magnificat in E flat, BWV.243A. Eng Bach Fest Trust. £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.50, £6.60, £7.70.
Sunday 15 May 3.15 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Christoph Eschenbach (cond./pno) Wagner Prelude, Tristan und Isolde, Mozart Piano Concerto in A, K.414, Schubert Symphony No 9 (Great). £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.60, £6.80, £8.00 LPO Ltd
Sunday 15 May 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Lovro Von Matacic (conductor) Anne Evans (soprano) Wagner Overture & Senta's Aria, The Flying Dutchman; Wagner Prelude to Act III, Tannhauser; Wagner Overture, Die Meistersinger; Wagner Götterdämmerung (excerpts). £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00, £8.00 Philharmonia Ltd
Monday 16 May 8.00 pm	RADIO TWO PRESENTS THE PHILHARMONIA Iain Sutherland (conductor) Martino Tirimo (piano) Introduced by David Jacobs The Philharmonia Orchestra joins Radio Two in presenting some of the magnificent and most loved music by Berlioz, Bernstein, Mahler, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky. £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.60, £6.80, £8.00 RFH
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Wednesday 18 May 8.00 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY Philharmonia Orchestra Lovro Von Matacic (conductor) Lynn Harrell (cello) Mozart Symphony No 26; Haydn Cello Concerto in C; Beethoven Symphony No 7 £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.60, £6.80, £8.00
Thursday 19 May 8.00 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Kurt Masur (conductor) Yan Pascal Tortelier (vln) (in pl of soloist) Paul Tortelier (cello) Mozart Symphony No 29; Brahms Concerto in A minor for violin and cello; Dvorak Symphony No 8. £3.00, £4.40, £5.60, £6.80, £8.00, £10.00 RPO Ltd
Friday 20 May 8.00 pm	THE BACH CHOIR Philharmonia Orchestra Sir David Willcocks (cond) Wendy Eathorne (sop) Catherine Wyn-Rogers (cont) Maldwyn Davies (ten) Stephen Roberts (bass) John Scott (organ) Hoddinott Sinfonia Fidei; Poulenc Organ Conc; Tippett A Child of Our Time. £2.20, £3.30, £4.40, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50 The Bach Choir

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Today 7 May 7.45 pm	LONDON ORPHEUS CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA James Gaddarn (cond) Beryl Tucupska, Irene Evans, James Anderson, Robert Carpenter-Turner, Leslie Pearson Mozart Divertimento in D, K.251; Burgon Think on Dredful Domesday; Mozart Mass in C minor (ed. Robbins Landon). £2.50, £3.50, £4, £4.50, £5 London Orpheus Choir
Sunday 8 May 3.00 pm	BERKSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS Early Music Group, String Chamber Orch, Youth & School Choirs, Brass Ensemble, Reading & County Youth Orch. Prog inc: Handel Zadok the Priest; Sibelius Romance in C, Op.42; Stravinsky Petrushka; wks by Bach, Gabrieli, Albinoni, etc. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 Royal County of Berks
Sunday 8 May 7.15 pm	ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET MORAY WELSH (cello) Schubert Quartet in A minor, D.804; Britten Quartet No 3, Op.94; Schubert Quintet in C, D.956. £2, £2.50, £3, £3.50, £4 Van Walsum Management
Monday 9 May 7.45 pm	THAMES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Roger Trecbon (cond) Hugh Maguire (vln) William Bennett (fl) Harold Lester (hpschd) Ricciotti Concertino for stings (after Pergolesi); Bach Brandenburg Conc No 5; Mozart Div, K.136; Helene Ranquier-Ulrych Ondes d'un Soleil d'hiver (1st pf), etc. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 Brailsford, Baker & Lee
Thursday 12 May 7.45 pm	NORMA FISHER (piano) Haydn Sonata in E flat, Hob.XVI.52; Schumann Sonata in G min, Op.22; Andre Tchaikovsky Inventions, Op.2 (1st public pf); Debussy Three Etudes; Liszt Mephisto Waltz No 1. £1.50, £2, £2.50, £3, £4 Gilder & Bonello
Friday 13 May 7.45 pm	BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA Ronald Thomas (dir/vln) Elena Duran (flute) Mozart Divertimento in F, K.138; Mozart Violin Concerto in A, K.219; Mozart Flute Concerto in G, K.313; Mozart Symphony No 34. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 Western Orchestral Soc Ltd
Saturday 14 May 7.45 pm	Contrary to a previous announcement the following Lennox Berkeley 80th Birthday Concert will now take place. ENGLISH SINFONIETTA Norman Del Mar (conductor) Maurice Bourgue (oboe) Lennox Berkeley (piano) Lennox Berkeley 80th Birthday Concert Berkeley Windsor Vars; Palm Court Waltz; Divertimento; Sinfonia Concertante; Francaix L'horloge de flore; Honegger Pastorale d'été. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 English Sinfonietta
Sunday 15 May 3.00 pm	ANNIE FISCHER (piano) Schumann Kinderscenen, Op. 15; Beethoven Sonata in G, Op. 79; Sonata in A, Op. 101; Chopin Fantaisie-Impromptu in C sharp minor, Op. 66; Nocturne in C sharp minor, Op. 27 No 1; Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 35. £1.50, £2.00, £2.50, £3.00, £3.50 Harrison/Parrott Ltd
Sunday 15 May 7.15 pm	YO YO MA (cello) The Bach Suites for unaccompanied cello. Bach Suite No 1 in G, BWV.1007. Bach Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV.1008. Bach Suite No 3 in C, BWV.1009. £1.50, £2.20, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00 Harold Holt Ltd
Monday 16 May 7.45 pm	ACADEMY OF LONDON Richard Stamp (cond) Meriel Dickinson (cont) Yehudi Menuhin (vln) Sir Lennox Berkeley 80th Birthday Concert Mozart Adagio & Fugue, K.546; Symph No 40; Berkeley Vln Conc; 4 Poems of Saint Theresa of Avila; Serenade for strings. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 Academy of London
Tuesday 17 May 7.45 pm	ANUP KUMAR BISWAS (cello) DEEPAK CHOUDHURY (sitar) John Lenehan (pno) Aloke Biswas, Markandey Mishra (tabla) Naresh Sohal Undulation (1st Br pf); Fauré Elegie; Imrat Khan Rag Jogkauns for solo cello & tabla; Walton Passacaglia; Beethoven Vars on Bei Männern from Mozart's Die Zauberflöte. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 Anup Kumar Biswas
Wednesday 18 May 7.45 pm	NEW MOZART ORCHESTRA Clive Fairbairn (conductor) Kathryn Stott (piano) Rossini Overture, The Silken Ladder; Mozart Piano Concerto in A, K.488; Schubert Incidental Music, Rosamunde; Mozart Symphony No 33. £2.00, £3.00, £3.75, £4.75, £5.50 New Mozart Orchestra
Thursday 19 May 7.45 pm	PHILIP FOWKE (piano). Chopin The Complete Waltzes. Rachmaninov Sonata No 2 in B flat minor, Op 36 (original version). £1.20, £2.60, £3.70, £4.50, £5.30 Kaye Artists Management
Friday 20 May 7.45 pm	LONDON VIVALDI ORCHESTRA Richard Harvey, Monica Huggett, Jakob Lindberg, Concertos for Recorder, Viola d'amore & Lute Vivaldi Sinfonia in F; William Babell Conc in C for descant recorder; Concertos by Vivaldi inc: Conc for 2 vlns & lute; Conc for strings (Madrigalesco). £1.20, £2.60, £3.70, £4.50, £5.30 Ldn Vivaldi Orch

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Sunday 8 May 2.45 pm	PUPILS OF LEE KENG KOK with Patsy Toh (piano) Joan Middlemiss (piano) Programme includes works by Vivaldi, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Paganini, Wieniawski, Bartok, Kodaly and Scott Joplin. £1.00, £1.50, £2.00 Lee Keng Kok
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Tuesday 10 May 7.30 pm	THOMAS PINSCHOF (flutes) JOCHEN SCHUBERT (guitar) Duo arrs. J. S. Bach Sonata in E min, BWV.1034; Schumann 3 Romances, Op 94; Arânyi-Aschner Evening Meditation and Ghost Dances; Dvořák Humoresque, J. Strauss Tritsch Tratsch Polka, wks by Brahms, Falla, Ravel, etc £1.50, £2.50, £3.00 Jane Gray.
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Thursday 12 May 7.30 pm	KRZYSZTOF SMIETANA (violin) Winner of 2nd prize and audience prize/1982 Carl Flesch Violin Competition Barry Douglas (piano) Bach Sonata, BWV.1016; Brahms Sonata No 3, Op. 108; Prokofiev Sonata No 1, Op. 80; Wieniawski Faust Fantasy. £1.50, £2.25, £3.00 Carl Flesch International Violin Competition
Friday 13 May 7.30 pm	ZANDRA McMASTER (m-sop) Graham Johnson (pno) Martin i Soler Italian Canzonetta; Wolf Songs from Spanisches Liederbuch No 1; Ravel Chansons populaires; Seiber Greek Folk Songs; Chopin 4 Polish Songs, Op. 74; wks by Poulenc, Garcia Lorca, etc. £2.00, £2.75, £3.50 Gonzalo Augusto

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Thursday May 12 7.45pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, TALLIS CHAMBER CHOIR. Michael Tilson Thomas (cond), Suzanne Murphy (sop), Carolyn Watkinson (mezzo), Dennis O'Neill (tenor), Gwynne Howell (bass). Beethoven: Prometheus Overture, Opferlied, Bundeslied, Symphony No 9 (Choral). £7.20, £6.00, £3.60, £2.40. Sponsored by National Westminster Bank. Please note change of soprano soloist and programme
Friday May 13 8.00pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Enrique Batiz (cond), Daniel Adni (piano). Rossini: Overture 'The Barber of Seville', Handel: Music for The Royal Fireworks, Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor, Beethoven: Symphony No 5 in C minor. £6.90, £5.50, £3.80, £2.80, Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
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PREVIEW Films



Delacroix redefined: One of the tableaux vivants that feature in Passion

Godard: Turning Passion into picturesque hard work

Audiences may be forgiven if they feel perplexed after Jean-Luc Godard's latest film *Passion*; even the director finds it "a bit difficult". The performers suggest the usual quality European art film. There is Isabelle Huppert, young star of *The Lacemaker*, *Violette Nozière* and many others, cast as a sacked factory worker. There is Hanna Schygulla, glamorous heroine of Fassbinder films, idling in furs as a hotel owner. She is married, moreover, to Michel Piccoli (the factory boss), who has been directed by Resnais, Hitchcock, Buñuel, Chabrol, Renoir, Marco Bellocchio – an endless list. The leading quartet is completed by Jerzy Radziwilowicz, familiar for Wajda's *Man of Marble* and *Man of Iron*.

But *Passion* – shot last year in Switzerland – takes them far from the European mainstream; Godard, as usual, is paddling his own canoe through dangerous, uncharted waters.

The film's perils derive in part from Godard's professed concern for a "democratic" cinema, in which no single element of technique or material dominates. Thus on the soundtrack musical clips from Mozart, Beethoven and company vie for prominence with noisy car engines; the words in Piccoli's and Huppert's dialogue are balanced against coughs and stuttered syllables. Similarly there is no dominant narrative thread: settings shift from the factory, the hotel, the wintry Swiss exterior to the studio where Radziwilowicz is trying to direct a film called *Passion*, in which classical paintings are recreated in *tableaux vivants*.

Ah, the frayed spectator may sigh, perhaps Godard is aiming for a film about a film, like *Day for Night* or *8½*? Not so: "People should not think that cinema in my film is more than a metaphor," Godard declares, "more than a representative for work on a piece of art". The film's alternative title probably provides as good a key to understanding as any: *Amour/Travail*. The business of love and work fills the screen – as it did, indeed, in *Slow Motion* (1979), which re-established the director after 10 years of esoteric agit-prop and video work. Godard may be back before the general public, but – barring the star performers – he is back on his own terms.

Geoff Brown

Passion opens at the Camden Plaza on May 12 (485 2443). Earlier Godard films can be found at various London repertory cinemas throughout May: every Sunday at the Scala (278 8052), every Tuesday at the Everyman (435 1525). And a Godard season starts on Channel 4 (see films on TV).

INGMAR BERGMAN SEASON
Scala Cinema Kings Cross (278 8052/0051).
Until May 23
One of the many delights of Bergman's *Fanny and Alexander* is its collection of old dark themes in bright new bottles. This welcome selection of vintage Bergman includes such double bills as *Cries and Whispers* and *Through a Glass Darkly* (Mon).

EDUCATING RITA (15)
Classic Haymarket (839 1527)
Warner West End (439 0791)
Michael Caine and Julie Walters play teacher and pupil in Lewis Gilbert's film adaptation of Willie Russell's play.

EUREKA (18)
Odeon Kensington (602 6644)
Screen on the Hill (435 3366)
Nicolas Roeg's latest cinematic puzzle explores the empty life of a former gold prospector and turns up a preposterous combination of *Citizen Kane*, overheated Hollywood melodrama and occult hog-wash. Vivid images abound, but the film is rather less meaningful than it thinks. With Gene Hackman, Theresa Russell, Rutger Hauer.

FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15)
Lumière St Martin's Lane (836 0691)
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fortunes of a Swedish family early in the century. Masterful, loving performances.

GANDHI (PG)
Classic Chelsea (352 5096)
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and on selected national release
Awarded eight Oscars, Richard Attenborough's three-hour-long, carefully crafted and sumptuously photographed life of the Mahatma is a courageous attempt to film what many considered unfilmable. With a remarkable performance by Ben Kingsley.

CLAUDE LELOUCH SEASON
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3232)
Until Thurs
In Britain Lelouch is a neglected, unfashionable director, but this season salutes his distinctive gifts, culminating with a charity premiere of his latest film *Edith and Marcel* (Tues at 7.30pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, telephone 584 0865 10am-midday for tickets) and the British première of *Les Uns et les autres* followed by a Guardian Lecture by Lelouch (Wed, NFT).

SOPHIE'S CHOICE (15)
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636)
Empire Leicester Square (437 1234)
Not for the first time, a famous novel is filmed with scrupulous sensitivity but uncertain personal commitment. William Styron's novel about the life and friends of a Holocaust survivor is distilled by director Alan J. Pakula into a series of striking scenes that never finally cohere. Meticulous acting, though, from Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline and Peter MacNicol.

TOOTSIE (PG)
Classic Chelsea (352 5096)
Odeon Kensington (602 6644)
Odeon Leicester Square (930 5252)
and on national release
Expert comedy about desperate actor Dustin Hoffman finding financial success and emotional turmoil as a female soap opera star. Larry Gelbart and Murray Schisgal's knowing, witty script never loses sight of the serious ramifications; Sydney Pollack directs with self-effacing skill, and Hoffman's performance is remarkable. With Jessica Lange, Charles Durning, Teri Garr.

THE YOUNG LADIES OF WILKO (PG)
Camden Plaza (485 2443)
ends May 11
Andrzej Wajda's beautiful, thoughtful period tale about rueful memories of youthful ardour, made in 1979 – after *Rough Treatment* and before the fighting days of Solidarity. Immaculate photography of country estate landscapes; resonant acting from Daniel Olbrychski, Christine Pascal and Maja Komorowska.

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Films on TV

The Marilyn Monroe season continues with her much-publicized but not entirely happy venture with Laurence Olivier, Shirley Temple appears in one of her most successful child roles, and Channel 4 begins a season of films by the controversial French director Jean-Luc Godard.

But the week starts with an unfortunate clash today of the last films starring the great British comedian Will Hay and Hollywood's Carole Lombard. Carole Lombard's last film was *To Be Or Not To Be* (Channel 4, 2.45-4.35pm), also starring Jack Benny and directed by Ernst Lubitsch in 1942. Dealing with the Nazi occupation of Warsaw, it is a classic of black comedy.

Will Hay stars in *My Learned Friend* on BBC2 (3.10-4.20pm), another black comedy which was directed in 1943 by Basil Dearden. Hay plays an ex-barrister threatened by an ex-convict, and Claude Hulbert and Mervyn Johns also appear in a film which includes splendid set-piece scenes at a pantomime and on the face of Big Ben.

Tonight BBC1 shows *The Boston Strangler* (11.25pm-1.15am), the semi-factual account of Albert DeSalvo's foul activities in Boston in the early 1960s. Tony Curtis plays DeSalvo and Henry Fonda the assistant Attorney General on his trail in Richard Fleischer's film made in 1968.

On Channel 4 tomorrow *The Dark Angel*, made in 1935, is a two-handkerchief movie starring Merle Oberon and Fredric March, in which March as an officer blinded in the war tries to free his fiancée without her knowing of his injury. The tear-jerking script is by Lillian Hellman and Mordaunt Shairp and the film was directed by Sidney Franklin.

Tuesday night is Monroe night and it is *The Prince and the Showgirl* (7.05-9pm), directed by Laurence Olivier in 1957 and bringing together the "great sex symbol" and the "great actor" in Terence Rattigan's story of a romance between a Ruritanian prince and an American showgirl. The film too should have been great. It has its moments, of course, but the comic soufflé goes rather flat.

Shirley Temple starred in more than 30 films before she was 12. *Stowaway* (5.40-7.05pm) has her as a seven year old in a musical set in China. The film was directed in 1936 by William A. Seiter and includes some of Shirley Temple's most winning musical numbers.

The Godard season on Channel 4 opens on Wednesday with *Vivre Sa Vie* (10.30-midnight), made in 1962 and starring Godard's then wife Anna Karina as a Parisian prostitute in one of his most personal works. The season includes *La Chinoise* and *Weekend*.

Christopher Warman

Also showing:
Today: **Hook, Line and Sinker** (1968), BBC2, 4.20-5.50pm
Shin Heike Monogatari (1954), BBC2, 10.45pm-12.35am
Tomorrow: **My Favourite Brunette** (1947), BBC1, 1.55-3.20pm
The Fast Lady (1963), LWT, 2.15-4pm
Wednesday: **The Domino Principle** (1976), ITV all channels, 9.15-11.40pm
Friday: **Cold Turkey** (1970), BBC1, 11.40-1.25am
Obsession (1948), Channel 4, 11.15pm-1am

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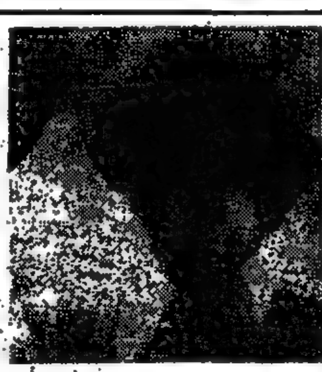
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Sandwiched between Mozart's Divertimento K 251 and the Robbins Landon edition of his C Minor Mass comes Burgon's *Think on Dredful Domesday*. James Gaddarn conducts the London Orpheus Choir and Orchestra.

YUKIE NAGAI-IRIZUKI
Tonight, 7.45pm, Civic Hall, Guildford (0483 67314)
The novelty at this Guildford Philharmonic concert, directed by Vernon Handley, is Anthony Scott's Mass. Before it comes Shostakovich's Festival Overture and Bartók's Piano Concerto No 3 with Yukie Nagai-Irizuki as soloist.

ROMANTIC, VIRTUOSO, CLARINET
Tonight, 7.30pm, Barnet College, Tudor Hall, Wood Street, Barnet (440 5321)
Barnet College combines with the Barnet Society to present a lecture recital, "The Romantic and Virtuoso Clarinet", by Peter Thompson. With Robin Colvill at piano, he plays works by Weber, Schumann, Ireland, Bax (it is his centenary this year) and the Lovreglio *Traviata* Fantasy.

BELLS
Tonight, 8pm, Fairfield Hall, Croydon (688 9291)
Rachmaninov considered *The Bells* his finest work, and his beautiful Three Russian Songs is one of his least known. Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra in both. In between is Ravel's G major Concerto, with Alicia de Larrocha at the piano.



Rare Beethoven: Tilson Thomas (Thursday)



Youthful Bizet: del Mar (Sunday)

ZADOK AND BILLY
Tomorrow, 3pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall
Berkshire Young Musicians, in various groupings, perform *Handel's Zadok the Priest*, Copland's *Billy the Kid* and works by Gabrieli and Grainger, Sibelius and Hindemith.

BERLIOZ, BIZET
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham
Philip Langridge sings Berlioz's little-heard orchestral version of Schubert's *Der Erlkönig* and takes part, with the Nottingham Harmonic Choir, in Berlioz's *Te Deum*. Norman del Mar conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Bizet's youthful Symphony in C and in Berlioz's *Le Corsaire* Overture.

STUCKE AND SONATAS
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (935 2141, credit cards 930 9232)
Georgina Dobrée and Susan Bradshaw play Wellesz's *Zwei Stücke*, Reinecke's "Undine" Sonata, Schumann's Op 73 *Fantasiestücke*, Lefèvre's Sonata Op 12 No 2 and the London premiere of John Mayer's Dance Suite, all for clarinet and piano.

RUDEPOEMA
Tomorrow, 8pm, Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, London N6 (455 8021)
Villa-Lobos's *Rudepoema*, Stockhausen's *Tierkreis*, Ligeti's Etude No 1 and Michael Finnissy's *To and Fro* are performed by Martin Offord at the piano and Howard Skyline at the 450 borne organ.

HAND BADINAGE
Mon, 1.10pm, St Anne's Church, Gresham Street, London EC2
On recorder and organ respectively, Joy Plumstead and Joseph Saxby play Hand's Badinage and Sonata Piccola, a C Major Concerto by Telemann, a G Major Suite by d'Hervelois, a Scarlatti Pastorale, a Chopin Mazurka and more.

GHOST DANCES
Tues, 7.30pm, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 6544)
Thomas Pinschof (flutes) and Jochen Schubert (guitar) offer Georg Arányi-Aschner's Evening Meditation and Ghost Dances, Villa-Lobos's *Distribucao de Flores*, Gounod's *Thoughts on the First Prelude of Bach* (hitherto known as *Ave Maria*), and many other small pieces.

RARE BEETHOVEN
Thurs, 7.45pm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (628 8795, credit cards 638 8891)
Some out-of-the-way Beethoven here – *Opferlied* Op 121b and *Bundeslied* Op 122; then a rather more substantial piece, Symphony No 9. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the Tallis Chamber Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra, and it should be interesting to hear the Symphony with reduced forces.

PIPER'S GALLIARD
Thurs, 1.15pm, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (222 1061)
Creep into the crypt and hear Lucy Carolan on virginals and harpsichord in Piper's Galliard by Philips, *Capriccio sopra Ruggiero* by Frescobaldi, *Lacrimae* by Morley and Bach's Partita No 4.

I HATE MUSIC
Fri, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall
Janis Kelly, with Timothy Barratt (piano) and Simon Limbrick (percussion), sings Bernstein's *I Hate Music*, Barker's *Music by Rise and Fall*, Cage's *Forever and Sunsmell*, Ginastera's Popular Argentinian Songs.

Opera

COVENT GARDEN
Manon Lescaut rules this week, with Kiri te Kanawa in the title role, Placido Domingo as Des Grieux and Thomas Allen as Lescaut. Giuseppe Sinopoli, making his British opera debut, is in the pit. Sixty-five amphitheatre tickets will be on sale each morning at 10am, *but the demand is so high that it is* probably worth taking a camp bed. (240 1066)

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
After *War and Peace*, another Prokofiev success at the Coliseum. David Pountney's new production of *The Gambler* is equally compelling on stage and in the pit, with Romanian conductor Christian Badea and a strong cast including Graham Clark as Alexey and Sally Burgess as Paulina. It plays on Tuesday and next Saturday, with a revival of ENO's *Magic Flute* on Wednesday (Royal Gala Performance) and Friday. (836 3161)

SCOTTISH OPERA
Their new production of Massenet's *Werther* comes to Liverpool's Empire Theatre this week on Wednesday and Friday. It makes a strong case for a still under-appreciated opera, and Cynthia Buchan's Charlotte is not only perceptively matched to Dennis O'Neill's Werther but also an exceptionally powerful performance in itself. (051 709 1555)

Films: David Robinson and Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Opera: Hilary Finch; Dance: John Percival

Rock & Jazz

NEWCASTLE JAZZ FESTIVAL
From tonight, Playhouse and Gulbenkian Theatre, Newcastle
A varied programme continues tonight with Chris Barber's band, tomorrow with Bobby Wellins's solid quartet, on Monday with the guitarists Stefan Grossman and John Renbourn, on Tuesday with the fiery American trumpeter Hannibal Marvin Peterson and his quintet, and on Friday with two local bands, Ray Stubbs's R&B All Stars and the East Side Torpedoes, who maintain the fine Tyneside tradition of the Animals and Club A'Go-Go.

KAJAGOOGOO
Tonight, Friars, Aylesbury; tomorrow, Gaumont, Southampton; Mon, Brighton Dome; Tues, De Montfort Hall, Leicester; Wed, Leeds University; Fri, Victoria Halls, Hanley
Probably the first time the "Too Shy" boys have been out of a television studio in months.

LITTLE STEVEN & THE DISCIPLES OF SOUL
Tonight, Strathclyde University; tomorrow, Edinburgh Nite Club; Mon, Bradford University
Miami Steve Van Zandt and his crew rocked the Hammersmith Palais so hard the other night that nobody wanted to go home.

CND FESTIVAL
Today, Brockwell Park, Herne Hill, London SE24
Yesterday Rock Against Racism, today CND. Whatever happened to racism? This afternoon's open-air event is topped by Madness and includes Hazel O'Connor and the Damned; the focus of attention, however will be the London debut of Paul Weller's new band, Style Council.

MAZE
Tonight and tomorrow, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081); Tues, Manchester Apollo; Wed, Rock City, Nottingham; Thurs, Birmingham Odeon
The epitome of relaxed modern soul, featuring Frankie Beverly's light tenor and the featherweight grooves of a delicious rhythm section.

LAINE / DANKWORTH
Tomorrow, Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall; Tues, Theatre Royal, Norwich; Wed, Gaumont, Doncaster
Cleo and John on tour again, with a quintet which includes Bill LeSage (vibes) and Kenny Clare (drums), thereby promising rather less of a jazz-rock fusion element than of late.

ARNETT COBB
Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 0747)
A grand old giant of the tenor saxophone, best known for his work with Lionel Hampton in the 1940s and more recently, Cobb has not allowed his physical disabilities to meddle with his huge Texan tone or his natural-born blues instincts. More robustly enjoyable jazz could scarcely be imagined.

RIP RIG & PANIC
Tues, Blue Note, Derby; Wed, Bradford University; Thurs, Dingwalls, Hull
Their third album is more conventionally organized than its predecessors, but the free-wheeling spirit remains intact so long as Mark Springer and Gareth Sager are operating at the heart of this wonderful, uncategorizable band.

Dance

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET
Covent Garden (240 1066) tonight, May 13 at 7.30pm, May 10 at 8pm
Three more performances of the new *Swan Lake* with three different casts. Margaret Barbieri is due to dance Odette/Odile tonight, Marion Tait on Tuesday and Sherilyn Kennedy on Friday.

CARACALLA DANCE
Sadler's Wells (278 8916) May 10-14 at 7.30pm
This company from Lebanon offers an oriental version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, set in medieval times.

DANCERS FROM THE EAST
The Place (387 0031)
Sun-Fri at 8pm
Five soloists or groups take part in this short Festival of Indian and Middle-Eastern Dance. Ritha Devi appears Sunday and Monday in Kuchipudi, Bharata Natyam and Odissi dances. On Tuesday and Friday, Priya and Pratap Pawar, who are Kathak specialists, share the bill with the Great Indian Dancers (from Southall) in their harvest folk dance *Bhangra*. Chitra Sundaram (Wed) performs the classic Bharata Natyam, and Selwa Rajaa (Thurs) offers a revival of the pre-Islamic Raks Sharki – apparently the pure origin of belly dancing.

KINUTA
Sadler's Wells (278 8916) Sun at 7.30pm
Glasgow, Royal (041-331 1234) Tues, Wed at 7.15pm
Yet another oriental arrival: a Noh company from Kyoto in their interpretation of a fifteenth-century Japanese classic.

Collecting

Homeric history of the tablet-top chair

"You can imagine what I said to my husband", the owner said, "when he came home after rather too good a lunch at his club and informed me that he had bought these dining chairs in the belief they were late Georgian. I knew better of course, and you don't have to tell me they're Victorian."

"I wasn't going to", the valuer assured her. "But why", he asked, "are you so sure of that?"

"It's that wide piece across the top, sticking out at each side, way beyond the uprights of the back", the owner explained with erudite aplomb. "In Regency or, shall we say, late Georgian examples, it didn't do that. It was set between them. Always."

"Sometimes, yes", the valuer temporized. "But always? Who told you that?"

"I read it in a little book, all about malpractices in the antique trade", the owner confided. "It said, quite firmly, that no chair exhibiting that characteristic was earlier than Victorian."

"I know the little book you mean", the valuer murmured dreamily. "No end of trouble it's caused. But there are other books – the first editions of original designs published long before Victoria came to the throne in 1837 – that illustrate chairs with just that kind of top rail, which is known in the trade as a tablet top."

"But in my little book it said quite definitely. . . ."

"I can quote you chapter and, at a small extra charge, verse", the valuer insisted. "A chair with projecting tablet top, still extant, was made for Sir Richard Colt Hoare by Thomas Chippendale junior in 1802. Designs including the feature appear in the published works of Sheraton in 1806, Hope in 1807, Smith in 1808, Ackermann in 1817-19 and Michael Angelo Nicholson – now there's a name to conjure with – in 1826-27."

"You mean", the owner cried, "that my chairs really are late Georgian?"

"They could just about scrape in as George IV, but I would date them at 1830-40 and label them William IV – the traditional period between Georgian and Victorian when many designers were still heavily dependent on the Greek revival style."

"But surely they didn't have mahogany dining chairs like these in Athens and Sparta?"

"No. But pieces of sculpture and pottery were found depicting chairs with tablet backs very like yours – I mean those on your chairs – dating from as early as the fifth century BC. Well before Queen Victoria. The type was called a klismos."

"Are you now going to tell me that the Greeks had a word for something my husband bought when he was half-sloshed?" the owner demanded.

"For something rather like it – yes. They used turned and fluted legs like those on their couches, but for the klismos *they devised legs with concave curves, of the kind now known as sabre. Homer said that the* klismos *was used by goddesses."*

"And it really did have this tablet top, sticking out at the sides?"

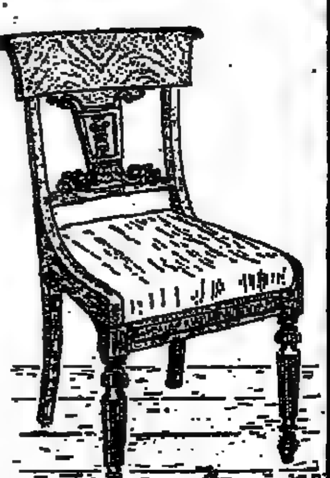
"Oh yes. And it became deeper and heavier in later examples. But it was certainly the most comfortable design for a chair to come off the drawing board before 400 BC, and it was a very long time before anyone improved on it. This was recognized in the early nineteenth century as the ideal chair back for lingering over a glass of port."

"That, no doubt, is what attracted my husband."

"Neverthless, he chose well. You have a set of eight – six standard and two with arms – of top quality and in excellent condition. I'm going to value them at £3,000 for insurance purposes."

"Then perhaps I should allow him to lunch at his club more often," the owner said, thoughtfully.

Peter Philp





Tablet-top chair, 1830s, and ancient Greek predecessor

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

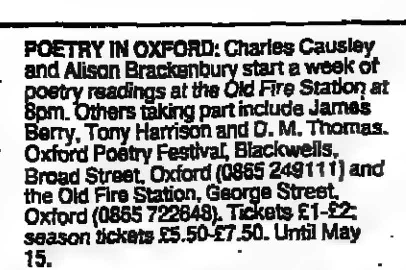
MIDDLESEX SEVENS: The Rugby Union season moves to its close with the Middlesex seven-a-side finals at Twickenham, a notable social occasion as well as a feast of inventive rugby. Stewart's Melville start the defence of their title against Saracens, while Richmond, last year's runners-up, take on Exeter University. Highlights on *Rugby Special*, BBC2, 9.40-10.40pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL: Having already won the first division championship, Hull must start favourites against Featherstone Rovers, who have only just escaped relegation; but teams chasing doubles often come unstuck. Kick-off 3pm; live coverage of the whole match in *Grandstand*, BBC1.

ANFIELD FAREWELL: Today's match against Aston Villa is Bob Paisley's last home game as manager of Liverpool. During his remarkable nine-year run, no fewer than 14 titles have gone to Anfield. In *Paisley – A Champion's Farewell*, rival manager Brian Clough assesses the man and his achievement. ITV, 11.15pm-midnight.

THE INSPIRATION OF EGYPT: This year's summer exhibition in Brighton is all about Egypt – not the country itself so much as the reflections of it and its art in European culture over, principally, the past two centuries. From the first big wave of interest occasioned by Napoleon's Egyptian campaign and its scholarly by-products through Tutankhamun fever to Elizabeth Taylor, the spell has been constant, if somewhat erratic in its effects; and this show does not skimp on the bizarre as well as the beautiful. Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Church Street, Brighton (0273 603005). Until July 17, Tues-Sat 10am-5.45pm, Sun 2-5pm.

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL: 1791, the last year of Mozart's life, is the main theme. Performances of the composer's and his contemporaries' music culminate in his Requiem, K626 on May 21. Earlier in the programme are *The Magic Flute*, Thurs; a dramatized inquest into Mozart's death, May 14; and a double bill of Pushkin's *Mozart and Salieri* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Mozart and Salieri*, May 15. Dome Box Office, 29 New Road, Brighton, West Sussex (0273 682127). Until May 22.



POETRY IN OXFORD: Charles Causley and Alison Brackenbury start a week of poetry readings at the Old Fire Station at 8pm. Others taking part include James Berry, Tony Harrison and D. M. Thomas. Oxford Poetry Festival, Blackwells, Broad Street, Oxford (0865 249111) and the Old Fire Station, George Street, Oxford (0865 722648). Tickets £1-£2; season tickets £5.50-£7.50. Until May 15.

LEAR: Barry Kyle directs a Royal Shakespeare Company production of the Edward Bond play, intended to be seen in conjunction with *King Lear* in the Barbican Theatre. With Bob Peck, Jenny Agutter, Sara Kestelman, Alice Krige, Mark Rylance. The Pit (628 8795). Today and Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm. In repertory.

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL SEASON: The 33rd year of music, art and repertory drama in the Highlands opens with J. M. Barrie's *The Admirable Crichton* (today and Mon), continuing this week with *Night Must Fall*, the thriller by Emlyn Williams (Thurs and Fri). Other productions: *Rookery Nook* by Ben Travers (from May 14); *Twelfth Night* (June 10); and *Translations* by Brian Friel (July 8). Festival Theatre, Pitlochry, Perthshire (0796 2680). Repertory performances daily at 8pm; matinées Wed and Sat at 2.15pm. Season ends Sept 24.

Tomorrow

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE: Weather permitting, cricket's Sunday slog gets under way this afternoon. Sussex won last year and are capable of doing so again; today they are playing Somerset at Taunton. There is coverage of one of the matches on *Sunday Grandstand*, BBC2, from 2pm.

MASTERMIND FINAL: The prodigious knowledge of the London Underground train driver Christopher Hughes has been a feature of this year's contest. Tonight he is up against school science technician Margaret Peat, civil servant Kathryn Tyson and charity worker Alex Yeats. BBC1, 8.45-9.25pm.

Monday

GUTHRIE CASTLE: The contents of the castle, home of the chiefs of the Guthrie clan since 1468, are being sold by the present Chieftainess, Mrs David Guthrie. There are items with romantic associations such as a porcelain dinner service made for the Guthries in China in about 1790. Morning and afternoon sales today and tomorrow. Christie's and Edmiston's, at Guthrie Castle, Angus (02412 448), 11am and 2.30pm.



Poets' corner: Christopher Logue's play the Arrival of the Poet in the City is at the Playhouse, Newcastle upon Tyne (Wednesday); D. M. Thomas reads his poetry in Oxford (today)

NOEL AND GERTIE: An entertainment by Sheridan Morley about Noël Coward and Gertrude Lawrence, with Joanna Lumley and Simon Cadell. King's Head, Upper Street, London N1 (226 1916). Opens today at 7.30pm, dinner at 6.30pm. Thereafter daily at 8pm, dinner at 7pm.

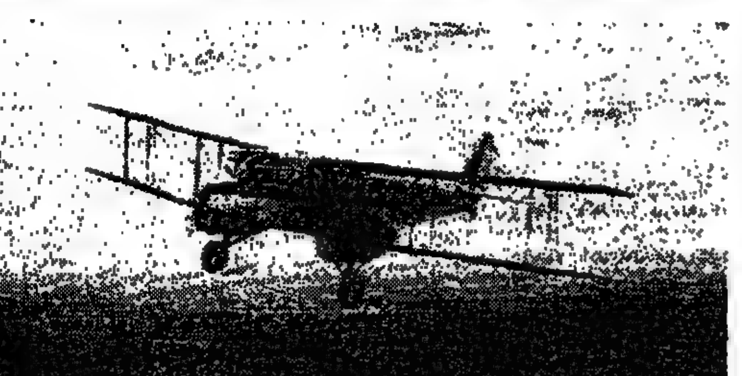
JAMAICA INN: Jane Seymour, Patrick McGoohan and Trevor Eve lead a three-part adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's rich Cornish melodrama, once filmed by Hitchcock. Starts tonight on ITV, 9-10pm, with parts two and three tomorrow, 9-10pm and 10.30-11.30pm.

Tuesday

BUTLIN'S ART: Four paintings from the collection of the late Sir Billy Butlin, which once hung in the chapels of his holiday camps in North Wales, Yorkshire and Somerset, are included in a sale of old masters and fine British works. The most interesting is a "lost" *Lamentation of Christ* by the Victorian William Dyce, estimate £100,000. Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 6602), 11am.

TREVOR EMBROIDERIES: A ravishing set of 12 needlework panels, made under the supervision of Anne Trevor (1658-1747) to decorate the walls of a room, have been sent for sale by the Lord Trevor from the family home, Brynkinalt, Clwyd. They are similar in style to Jacobean crewelwork, with trees of life growing from humps of grass, but there is a strong Chinese influence. Today's sale of embroidery and costume has plenty of lesser treasures as well. Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (581 2231), 2pm.

AIRCRAFT SALE: The contents of the Historic Aircraft Museum at Southend, including aircraft, aeronautica, pictures and an aeronautical library are being auctioned. The star item is Britain's oldest surviving airliner, an eight-passenger De Havilland Dragon (estimate £30,000). Joint auctioneers: Phillips and Weatherall, Green and Smith (0702 548516), 2pm.



Flying start: Britain's oldest airliner is to be sold on Tuesday

THE TROJAN WAR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE: Giraudoux's pre-war Trojan comedy, in which Hector (Martin Jarvis) struggles to preserve peace in the face of jingoistic fervour. Lyttelton (928 2252). Opens today at 7pm; tomorrow at 7.45pm, then in repertory.

DEAD RINGER: Timely political thriller by James Francis, in which members of the Cabinet endeavour to win a general election by substituting a dead Prime Minister with a live lookalike. With William Franklyn, Sylvia Syms, Patricia Lawrence, McDonald Hobley. Duke of York's (836 5122). Previews today at 6pm and 8.40pm, Mon-Thurs at 8pm, Fri 6pm and 8.40pm. Opens May 17 at 7pm.

HOWARD READS LOWELL: Alan Howard reads poems by Robert Lowell, introduced by Ian Hamilton, whose biography of Lowell was published yesterday. National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (373 7861/2), 7.30pm. Tickets 80p-£1.60.

SUMMER LIGHTNING: Two world premieres from the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra: Wilson-Dickson's *Summer Lightning* and Osborne's Sinfonia No 2. Afterwards comes Ives's Symphony No 4. Peter Fletcher conducts this adventurous, almost reckless, programme. Leicester Cathedral (0533 544444), 7.30pm.

A MATTER OF CHOICE FOR BILLY: Graham Reid's sequel to his prize-winning play about the tensions within a Belfast family, with Kenneth Branagh again playing the eldest son, Billy, who takes charge of his three sisters after the departure of his father to England. *Play for Today*, BBC1, 9.25-10.50pm.

Wednesday

BOTERO: The Colombian-born painter and sculptor sometimes seems to bring a message of hope to the overweight of this world, so flatteringly preoccupied is he with an artistic chubby-chase. A rich selection of recent work in familiar style is the first extensive London showing for some years, and gives us a chance to decide whether he is more than a latin Beryl Cook. Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (629 5161). Until June 3, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm

ORIENTAL FLAVOUR: The fine furnishings on offer in Chester today include many of oriental origin or oriental inspiration. There are Turkish, Persian and Chinese carpets, as well as a handsome Chinese Chippendale style display cabinet dating from the late nineteenth century. Sotheby's Chester (0244 315531), 11am.

SPRINGTIME IN NEWBURY: The English Chamber and the Tallis Chamber Choir give the opening concert of the festival in St Nicolas Parish Church, tonight, 7.30pm. Other visiting artists include Paul Tortelier and Maria de la Paul (May 16), the London Classical Players (tomorrow) and Janet Smith and Dancers (May 20 and 21). Newbury Spring Festival, The Granary, The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire (0635 49919). Until May 21.

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL SEASON: Four productions are presented in repertory, starting with *A Patriot for Me* by John Osborne, directed by Ronald Eyre, with Alan Bates as the power-hungry officer in the Austro-Hungarian Imperial Army. Today at 7pm, previews from May 7. Other works: *Time and the Conways* by J. B. Priestley, with Googie Withers (opens May 25); *As You Like It*, with Patricia Hodge (July 13); *The Sleeping Prince* by Terence Rattigan, with Omar Sharif (Aug 3). Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312). Daily at 7.30pm; matinées on Thursday and Sat at 2.30pm.

NEWCASTLE DOUBLE BILL: An ambitious multi-media staging of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* and *The Arrival of the Poet in the City* by Christopher Logue and George Nicholson. The collaboration in music, words and dance is between the Northern Sinfonia of England and the English Dance Theatre, with the co-operation of another north-eastern arts group, the TyneWear Theatre Company. Directed by Yair Vardi and John Blackmore, conducted by Alan Fearon, narrated by Gavin Muir. Playhouse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (0632 323335). Today only, at 8pm.

OTHER WORLDS: Premiere of a play by Robert Holman, set during the Napoleonic Wars, and telling of a feud between the fishermen of Robin Hood's Bay and the farmers of Fylingthorpe. Directed by Richard Wilson, design by John Byrne, with Jim Broadbent, Paul Copley, Lesley Dunlop, Rosemary Leach, Paul Luty. Royal Court, London SW1 (730 1745). Today at 7pm. Daily at 7.30pm; matinées on Sat, 3pm, from May 21.

RELATIVE VALUES: Noël Coward's comedy, in which the sedate atmosphere of a country home is disrupted by the arrival of a Hollywood star. Directed by Allan Davis, with Anna Neagle. Connaught, Union Place, Worthing (0903 35333). Opens today. Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 3pm and 8pm; matinées on Wed, 2.30pm.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Aberdeen are hoping to become the first British side to win this competition since fellow Scots, Glasgow Rangers, 11 years ago, as they meet the formidable Real Madrid at Gothenburg in Sweden. Live coverage on ITV, 7-9.15pm.

Thursday

BAD BOYS: A film about teenage violence in America seen through the central character, Mick O'Brien, who is committed to a juvenile correctional facility after accidentally murdering someone during a street fight. With Sean Penn, directed by Rick Rosenthal. Cert 18. ABC Bayswater (229 4149); ABC Edgware Road (723 5901); ABC Fulham Road (370 2636); ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (836 8861); Classic Haymarket (839 1527); Classic Oxford Street (636 0310).

CODENAME: THE SOLDIER: James Glickenhaus's film of international espionage in which the CIA send Ken Wahl, codenamed the Soldier, to investigate bombings and blackmail. Cert 18. Classic Shaftesbury Avenue (734 5414); Studio Oxford Circus (437 3300).

CONFIDENCE: Istvan Szabo made this film in 1980, before *Mephisto*, and it won the Silver Bear award at Berlin that year. Ildiko Bansagi and Peter Andorai, members of the Resistance at the end of the Second World War, depend for their survival upon mutual trust and confidence. Cert 15. Gate Notting Hill (221 0220/727 5750).

FRIDAY THE 13TH PART III: Well-timed release of Steve Miner's film in 3D set at the lakeside resort with a grisly history of mass murder. With Dana Kimmell and Paul Kratka. Cert 18. Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234).

PASSION: The London opening of Jean-Luc Godard's latest film. See page 7.

HANDGUN: Karen Young and Clayton Day in Tony Garnett's film about a young Catholic girl who resorts to her own methods to repel the advances of a suitor when both the law and her priest fail her. Cert 18. ABC Fulham Road (370 2636); ABC Shaftesbury Ave (836 8861).

THE RISE TO POWER OF LOUIS XIV: British premiere of Roberto Rossellini's 1966 film about the power of monarchy. ICA Cinema, The Mall (930 3647), closed Mon.

AUTHOR'S COLLECTION: Geoffrey Wills is well known among collectors of porcelain and glass for his authoritative books, *English Pottery and Porcelain* and *English and Irish Glass*. Bearnes are selling more than 150 lots from his collection today, including pieces illustrated in the books such as two Lowestoft blue and white inkstands and a Fulham saltglaze mug of 1729. Bearnes, Torquay (0803 26277), 11 am.

A NEW CHAIR: Professor J. Mordaunt Crook delivers his inaugural lecture, *Architecture and History*, for the first chair of Architectural History in a British university. Bedford College, Regent's Park, London NW1, 5 pm. Free. Tea available before, and drinks afterwards.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Derek Jacobi and Sinead Cusack in Royal Shakespeare production. See page 5.

TCHAIKOVSKY PREMIERE: Norma Fisher gives the world premiere of the Inventions Op 2 by Tchaikovsky (André, that is) and rounds out her programme with Liszt's *Mephisto Waltz No 1*, some Debussy *Etudes*, Schumann's Piano Sonata Op 22 and Haydn's Sonata Hob XVI/52. Queen Elizabeth Hall (928 3191), 7.45pm.

WILSON'S NO 4: The Edinburgh Quartet gives the world premiere of Thomas Wilson's Quartet No 4; they also perform Debussy's Quartet and Haydn's Op 33 No 2. At 5pm at the centre Mr Wilson gives an illustrated talk about his new piece. Crawford Centre for the Arts, 93 North Street, St Andrews (0334 74161 ext 591), 8pm.

Friday

KISCH KISCH: Alun Owen's new play features two brothers, played by Ian Richardson and Anthony Bate, who are brought together after a gap of several years by a family funeral. Their subsequent conversation produces unexpected revelations. BBC2, 9.30-10.20pm.

Week following

May 14-15: International Air Fair, Biggin Hill, Kent.



Sun King: ICA (Thursday)

Family Life

Letting the fledgling try his wings

I was still in knee socks and pigtails when I discovered the pleasure – and the panic – of travelling alone. The pleasure – on a train to Victoria – was to be able to think, observe, dream and fantasize to my heart's content without fear of interruption (a luxury I still cherish). The panic was less fun and occurred, on the return journey, as a direct result of my flouting parental instructions to travel in the Ladies Only compartment.

Flushed with the excitement of my solo outing I found myself alone, four stops from my destination, with a fat, balding man wearing a black blazer who, after a few preliminary pleasantries, suggested that I would be altogether more comfortable on his knee. When I declined he came and sat beside me, patting my patella in a way that, though puberty was still several years away, I knew was less than avuncular.

I learnt in the space of 10 minutes what petrified – as in rabbit – and the power of prayer both meant. When I stumbled out of the carriage I fell and scraped my knees and ran all the way home. I did not tell my parents; after all nothing serious had happened and what little did was my own fault. But I did travel in the Ladies Only compartment after that.

I mention the incident because it had a profound effect when as a parent I first considered dispatching my seven-year-old son on a 200-mile train journey, alone. He was fairly relaxed about the prospect, so long as his grandfather met him and I supplied him with stocks of Coke, comics and sandwiches. With Ladies Only out of the question and guards a thing of the past, I planned to put him in the care of a nice, respectable couple who were travelling as far.

"He's not going alone", said his father. "Anything could happen to him." "What?", I said. "Strange men", he muttered. "Well then, I'll send him first class", I said. "Won't do", said his father's friend laconically, "he'll simply meet a better class of pederast".

They were adamant and I was furious – for letting them ruffle me. Two years elapsed before he travelled to and from the same destination alone. He returned cool and confident, with a taste for German lager and cards: his uncle had placed him in the hands of three very first class gentlemen who turned out to be part of a poker school.



Detail from 1864 engraving

"You don't have to worry about *him*", said one as I expressed gratitude for their "surveillance", "he could talk his way out of anything. You should see what he did with a pair of twos!"

So much for the *Angst*. And yet it was not, I am still convinced, totally irrational – nor uncommon. Many other parents have expressed similar fears about sending their children unaccompanied on trips of any length, convinced that the offspring would: fall asleep and miss the station/get stuck in the lavatory/not get to the door in time/slip on to the rails; or if it were a plane journey, that he/she would be sick/terrified/cry/throw a fit – or, horror of horrors, crash.

And such anxieties are perfectly natural and should be heeded. Except that once the child has proved himself competent as you secretly knew he would, you must then allow his adventurous spirit to grow – always reminding him to observe the basic rules of solo travel: not to talk to strangers unless there are plenty of people around; never to travel with just one other stranger and not to be too embarrassed to change seats or compartments if necessary; to keep 10p coins and relevant phone numbers in a safe pocket and, if the worst comes to the worst and the train or plane is diverted or breaks down, to stay calm and not to panic because there will be at least two adults doing that for him.

A friend who was for years an airline steward told me that he would rather have a planeload of UMs (unaccompanied minors) any day than some of the adult passengers he had to cope with. "Most of them love flying – it's as natural to them as bus and train were to us. They're usually made a fuss of and they think nothing of belting up and enjoying the ride. Adults worry far more and it's *this* that causes the panic".

It's a good point. If you are nervous you will automatically transmit this to the child. If you are calm and confident this will similarly rub off. Provided you have organized the trip to the best of your ability, you must "let go" and allow the child to make his way, alone.

A final comment on the child being father to the man in this, as in many matters, came from a small boy I was putting on a plane, alone, for the first time. He looked a little green, not least because he had just heard a fellow commuter say to his wife, "Ah well, I must crash on". "Nervous?" I asked the boy. "A little", he said. "But it's Dad I'm really worried about. He's *terrified* of flying. I think he might need a drink. Will you look after him?"

Judy Froshaug

Outings



● Sweet idiocy: Innes (Fri)







● Tricycle Theatre (today)

THEATRE OF RAINBOWS **with NAMAHAGA**
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London, NW6 (328 8626), today, 2pm, £1
Music, dance and bright lights in a 50-minute performance of circus theatre; for five to 10-year-olds.

RHUBARB THE CLOWN
St George's Theatre, 49 Tufnell Park Road, London, N7 (607 1128), today, 2.30pm, adults £1.25, children 75p
A one-man clown show with mime, magic, music and unicycle; for children of 12 and under.

LINCOLN COUNTY INCIDENT
ICA Children's Cinema, ICA, The Mall, London, SW1 (930 3647), today, tomorrow, 2.30pm and each weekend until May 29, with half-term performances May 31-June 3
British premiere of a film made by the children and staff of Lincoln High School, New Zealand. It is a satirical Western concerning the escapades of the diminutive Samson Peabody Jones who, in 1881, heads west in search of new life and adventure. Well worth seeing. Supporting film is the Laurel and Hardy classic, *Way Out West*.

GRESHAM LECTURES AND CONCERTS
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (600 3699), Wed, May 18, 25, 6.15pm, adults £2, child £1
For older children with a serious interest in music, the lectures are given by Professor Allen Percival on sonata and cantata in England – from Byrd to Purcell. (Two concerts, including some of the music discussed in the lectures, follow in June.)

BOYS' BRIGADE LONDON CENTENARY DISPLAY
Royal Albert Hall, London SW7, Thurs, Fri, 5.30pm, May 14, 3pm, 7pm, tickets 736 8481 or in person Thurs, Fri from Royal Albert Hall, £1.25-£5
Over 1,500 boys in each two-hour performance with a variety of displays, from pipe-bands to musical rides, a roaring-twenties' spoof and a grand finale pageant. Celebrity guests on Thursday include Cliff Richard and Jimmy Hill, on Saturday the Lord Mayor of London and two Sheriffs.

OUT OF TOWN

SALLY CHIPPERFIELD'S CIRCUS
Festival Theatre, Grange Road, Great Malvern, West Midlands (06845 3377), Wed-Fri, 4.45pm, 7.30pm, May 14, 3pm, 7.30pm, May 15, 3pm, adults £2-£4, children £1-£3
One of the last, and best, circuses around for all who love the excitement of the big top.

PAGEANT OF THE HORSE
Doncaster Racecourse, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, tomorrow, 10am-6pm, free, car park 50p
A great day out for families with equine interests. The 78 show classes include: show jumping, driving, side-saddle, pony games and a "hobby horse Grand National". Also an exhibition of carriages from the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace and a display of chariot racing from France.

THE SEALED KNOT
Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (0242 602308), today, tomorrow, castle opens 11am-5.30pm, adults £2.50, children £1.25
Richard Bagot's regiment in full costume re-enact a seventeenth century battle in the castle grounds. Fighting, with cannon *et al*, starts at 2pm and continues throughout the afternoon.

NEIL INNES IN CONCERT
The Towngate, Basildon, Essex (0268 23953), Fri, 8pm, adults £3, children £2
I have not seen Innes "live" but if his performance on stage matches by half his television appearances, you would be foolish not to buy tickets post-haste. *Chacun à son goût*, but *The Innes Book of Records* was one of the few programmes for which I waived bedtime restrictions.

J.F.

FAIRS

19TH BUXTON ANTIQUES FAIR
Octagon and Paxton Suites, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, Derbyshire (04868 22562). Today-May 14, noon-9pm, last day until 6pm; admission £1.50; pensioners, students, nurses, children £1
Sixty exhibitors; vetted stock – an important event. Nine fine-art dealers and specialists in furniture, glass and horn artifacts, silver, clocks, porcelain.

WEST ONE
West of England Antiques Fair, Assembly Rooms, Bath, Avon (0225 63727). Preview Tues, 11am-2pm £5, 2-9pm £3; Wed-May 14, 11am-7pm (Fri until 9pm); admission £2, pensioners £1.75.
Wealth of carefully-vetted porcelain, furniture, wine-drinkers' paraphernalia, paintings, early glass, brass.

MAY FAYRE AND PUPPET FESTIVAL
Gardens of St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, London WC2 (836 0617). Tomorrow 10.30am-6pm; admission free
To celebrate Mr Punch's 321st birthday, a gathering of "Punch and Judy professors and puppeteers", including Di Deaney who runs a feminist P and J show. Scores of performances, workshops, folk music, donkey rides, clowns. Refreshments.

Mel Lewis

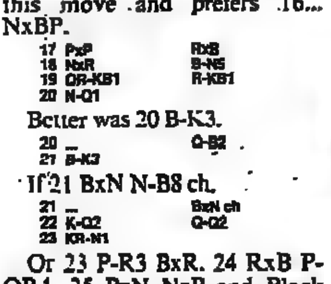
Chess

Kasparov booked after an attacking game

I have just received for review from *Chess*, Sutton Coldfield, the thirty-fourth volume in the series. It covers the last six months of 1982 and lists interesting games from the previous issue, relating to the first half of that year. One of the most exciting games was Kavalek's loss to Kasparov at *Bugojno*.

It was a typical Kasparov game in which wave after wave of attack beat down a determined resistance.

White L. Kavalek. Black G. Kasparov. Q. P. King's Indian Defence



	White	Black
1	P-QB4	P-KN3
2	P-Q4	B-N2
3	N-QB3	N-KB3
4	P-K4	P-Q3
5	N-B3	O-O
6	P-KR3	P-K4
7	P-Q5	N-R3
8	B-K3	N-R4
9	N-R2	Q-K1
10	B-K2	N-B5
11	B-B3	P-KB4
12	P-KR4	Q-K2
13	P-KN3	N-N5
14	Q-N3	

If 14 PxN BPxP. 15 PxP N-Q6 *ch*. 16 K-Q2 RxB. 17 NxR B-N5. 18 NxP NxKP and Black wins.

14	...	N(B5)-Q6 ch
15	K-K2	P-B5
16	B-Q2	PxP

Kasparov himself criticizes this move and prefers 16... NxBP.

17	PxP	RxB
18	NxR	B-N5
19	QR-KB1	R-KB1
20	N-Q1	

Better was 20 B-K3.

20	...	Q-B2
21	B-K3	

If 21 BxN N-B8 ch.

21	...	BxN ch
22	K-Q2	Q-Q2
23	KR-N1	

Or 23 P-R3 BxR. 24 RxB P-QR4. 25 PxN NxP and Black wins.

23	...	Q-R6
24	P-R3	BxP
25	RxR ch	BxR
26	PxN	Q-R7 ch
27	K-B3	N-B8
	resigns.	

In the list of interesting games from volume 33 Kasparov appears twice, for his games with Black versus Kavalek and Kupreichik. World champion Karpov has a more variegated record with wins versus Portisch and Ljubojevic and losses to Timman and Seirawan. However, Karpov leads in the *FIDE* rating list with 2710 points, with Kasparov second with 2690. In volume 33 Karpov had 2700 and Kasparov 2675.

Among the games and much chess information about the six months in question, *Chess* contains a "List of New Titleholders". This shows one new English grandmaster, Jonathan Mestel, and further English titleholders including a woman grandmaster, Dr Jana M. Miles, and four international masters, Nigel Davies, Mark Hebden, Daniel King and William Watson. The Russians have 13, the Yugoslavs seven and the United States six new international masters.



Dr Jana Miles, new English grandmaster

We also have nine new FIDE masters – a title that corresponds to that of Candidate master: Anthony Kosten, P. K. Wells, John Cox, David Cummings, David Friedgood, Graham Lee, Andrew Martin, Ian Wells and Stuart Conquest.

Perhaps the most useful publication for the practising player who is already quite advanced in his strength and knowledge is the Yugoslav *Sahovski Informator* (Chess Informant) which is published in Belgrade at least twice a year. It gives a wealth of fine games selected from events both national and international and these are arranged according to their opening in order to be of the most use to the opening student.

It is a fine stout volume of some 390 pages with 745 games, all annotated with varying degrees of thoroughness. Considering this, it is modestly priced at £11, or £11.95 by post from *Chess*, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6AZ.

Harry Golombek

Bridge

How a no-trumper can lead with his chin

The weak *no-trump* has provoked many heated debates over the years. Experts of the old school point derisively at the large penalties that the bid sometimes incurs. "If you stick your chin out by shouting that you have a weak balanced hand," they argue, "you deserve the crisp uppercut that you often get."

But that is only one side of a possibly counterfeit coin. As Muhammad Ali demonstrated so ably, provided that you are quick on your feet, and able to duck and weave, you can afford to relax your guard.

Here is a typical scenario where the weak no trumper seems to be in trouble.

Game all
Dealer South

West: ♠ A2 ♥ AQ5 ♦ AJ9 ♣ KQ1083

South: ♠ 10963 ♥ K43 ♦ KQ2 ♣ AJ9

South opens the bidding with a weak No trump, and West doubles. Here are four possible hands that North could hold.

(a) ♠ QJ85 ♥ J109862 ♦ 103 ♣ 8

(b) ♠ KQ872 ♥ J109 ♦ 1053 ♣ 72

(c) ♠ QJ87 ♥ J1098 ♦ 10876 ♣ 2

(d) ♠ KQJ ♥ J109 ♦ 10876 ♣ 764

On (a), North retreats to two hearts. If West elects to double, a footsure defence can inflict a flesh wound by taking six tricks.

On (b), North escapes to two spades. If West doubles, he could rue the day. After the lead of the ♣K, the only continuation which does not present the contract at once is the ace and another spade. Declarer plays hearts and even if West plays correctly by getting off play with a heart, he will still be in trouble in the end game.

On (c), if North were not vulnerable he might try the old gambit of responding two clubs! When this is doubled, he redoubles, and again North-South find a safe harbour in 2♠. Vulnerable, 2♦ would be more prudent.

Finally on (d), West would do well to defeat the contract and the most probable result would be a plus score to North-South, either from 1NT doubled and made, or should East mistakenly remove the double, from an ungainly East-West part score.

It comes to this. Even when North-South are heavily outgunned, a retreat to a five card suit may escape punishment or be unpunishable. Furthermore, there are several other shapes (e.g., 4-4-4-1) which allow the deft wrigglers to escape. It is only when North has got a weak *balanced* hand that South is in trouble, and even then the adverse strength must be so distributed that one defender would double and his partner would pass.

Now for the other side of the picture. It is self-evident that one no-trump has a greater pre-emptive value than any other opening bid. It puts a boot firmly into the enemy camp, frequently causing obstruction and sometimes inflicting casualties.

Maintaining the same South hand, study the problems that confront West when he has no clear-cut bid.

Game all

North: ♠ J42 ♥ 2 ♦ 8743 ♣ K10876

West: ♠ KQ87 ♥ AQJ94 ♦ A65 ♣ 2

East: ♠ A5 ♥ 10876 ♦ J92 ♣ Q543

South: ♠ 10963 ♥ K53 ♦ KQ10 ♣ AJ9

Most Wests would double South's 1NT. It is true that East-West should reach four hearts without difficulty, but should East prefer the substance to the shadow by doubling North's retreat to two clubs, he would find the result unsatisfying.

The advocates of the strong no trump remind me of people who are afraid of flying. They forget that statistics conclusively prove that they are far more likely to be run over by a bus.

Jeremy Flint

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 694.4, down 0.6
FT Gilts: 81.68, down 0.30
FT All Share: 429.11 down 1.77
Bargains: 23,480
Tring Hall USM Index: 170.5 down 0.5
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones, up 7.60 to 8,670.64
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 936.71, down 0.58
New York: Dow Jones Average (midday), 1,226.30, up 6.58

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5780 unchanged
Index 84.7 down 0.2
DM 3.8550 up 50pts
FrF 11.6150 up 50 pts
Yen 370.75
Dollar
Index 122.0 up 0.1
DM 2.4412 up 2 pts
Gold
$432 down $2.50
NEW YORK LATEST
Gold $431.25
Sterling $1.5805

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates 10
3 month interbank 10⅛-10
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 8¾-8⅞
3 month DM 5 1/16-4 15/16
3 month FrF 14⅞-14⅝
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period April 6 to May 3, 1983 inclusive: 10.304 per cent.

PRICE CHANGES

Intervision 40p up 5p
B Elliott 44p up 5p
Exco 633p up 60p
Saxon Oil 183p up 17p
Breville Europe 46p up 4p
Ranger Oil 520p up 40p
Cornell 113p down 23p
Dunton 10.5p down 2p
Clyde Pet. 85p down 13p
Bio-Isolates 180p down 25p
Rockware 34p down 4p
Candecca 158p down 18p

Bassishaw holding out

Bassishaw Investments is still holding out against Hanson Trust's successful takeover of the UDS stores group. After extending its bids for a fortnight. Hanson has increased its holdings from 62 per cent to 79 per cent of UDS. The cash offer is now closed, but the offer in Hanson shares continues.

A Hanson spokesman said last night that it would consider any new offer for UDS's Richard Shops and John Collier chains, but had not received an offer from Bassishaw or any new higher offer from the Burton group, which is anxious to buy the chains.

● SUPPORT FOR CHINA: The Philippines, France and Pakistan yesterday called for tha admission of China into the Asian Development Bank. But China is demanding that Taiwan be expelled. Taiwan, however, says it has "every right" to remain in the bank.

● **Nadir writ:** Mr Asil Nadir, chairman of Polly Peck, has issued a writ against *The Observer* newspaper after articles in the last two editions. The articles examined activities of all three of Mr Nadir's publicly-quoted companies: Polly Peck, Cornell Dresses and Wearwell. Mr Nadir accussed the paper of being misleading and inaccurate.

● **Energy conservation:** Mr Nigel Lawson, the Energy Secretary, has decided to set up an Energy Efficiency Office within the Departent of Energy to coordinate energy conservation policy.

● **Helicopter order:** Management Aviation has ordered four SA 365 N Dauphin 2 helicopters from Aerospatiale of Frannce for north sea duty.

● ELECTRONIC LINK: Philips and Industrie Zanussi yesterday signed a letter of intent saying they were prepared to work towards cooperation in consumer electronics.

● TOURIST CASH: Italy's ministry of foreign trade yesterday announced that it was easing currency export restrictions on Italian tourists travelling abroad. Italians may now export up to 1.6m lire (£695) worth of foreign currencyeach year, as well as up to L200,000 worth of Italian banknotes each trip. Previously, tourists were allowed to export only 1.1m lire

● FED REJECTION: Mr Henry Wallich, US Federal Reserve Board Governor, rejected the notion that interest rates could be lowered through cooperative actions by big central banks. He said the floating exchange rate system and the widespread practice of monetary targeting stood in the way of a joint initiative to lower interest rates.

Wall St stocks pushing higher

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Stocks were pushing still higher yesterday after surging past the record closing high of 1,226.20 reached on April 29. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 10 points to 1,229.

The transportation average was also higher with a gain of more trhan 6½ points to 554.

Advancing issues were about 5-to-2 over losers. Trading was very heavy.

Teledyne was 144 up ½; **Merck** 92½ down 1; **NCR** 119⅜ up 1¾ **International Business Machines** 116 up ⅜; **General Electric** 110½ off ⅛; **General Motors** 70⅛ up ¼; **Exxon** 34⅞ off ⅛; **Atlantic Richfield** 45⅛ up ¼; **Control Data** 50⅞ up 1⅛; and **Comsat** 68¼ up ¾.

Burlington Northern was down 1 at 81¾; **Southern Pacific** up ¾ at 61½; **GSK** up ¾ at 65¾; **Northwest Air** up ½ at 49⅛ **UAL** up 1⅝ to 36⅞; **AMR** up ⅝ at 30; **Commonwealth Edison** up ⅛ at 27⅜; **Consolidated Natural Gas** off ½ at 27⅛.

US jobless rate falls again

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The United States unemployment rate dropped slightly in April for the second consecutive month giving convincing evidence of a growing recovery in business.

At 10.2 per cent, the month's jobless total was one-tenth of a point below the previous month's total and was still high by post-War standards but none the less encouraging because it is moving downward on the strength of stronger industrial production.

White House officials said the figures were welcome evidence that President Reagan's programme was working and a strong recovery had begun. Mr Raymond Donovan, the Labour Secretary, said the results indicated that the recovery "is gaining strength and that the President's policies are working".

The Reagan Administration also told Congress that it would be forced to ask for another legislative increase in the national debt ceiling which now stands at $98.8 billion (£62.92 billion).

The recent huge borrowing needs of the United States Treasury to finance burgeoning federal deficits had brought the department very close to the legal limit and funds would run out if the debt ceiling was not raised, officials said.

Mr C Warren Carter, an assistant Treasury secretary, urged members of the Senate Finance Committee to approve legislation raising the ceiling to $1,389 billion (£884 billion)

The most encouraging signs in last month's employment results were the reports of the longer average work week for factory workers which rose to 40.1 hours, the highest level since June, 1981 and an increase in the average overtime worked which rose to three hours.

Ms Janet L Norwood, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, said these results were "particularly noteworthy" because they traditionally precede large scale rehiring and staff expansion by businesses.

Despite an overall gain last month of 355,000 jobs, the number of Americans without work still stood at 11.32 million, compared with 7.6 million who were unemployed when President Reagan took office in 1980.

Hambros consortium may enter House of Fraser struggle

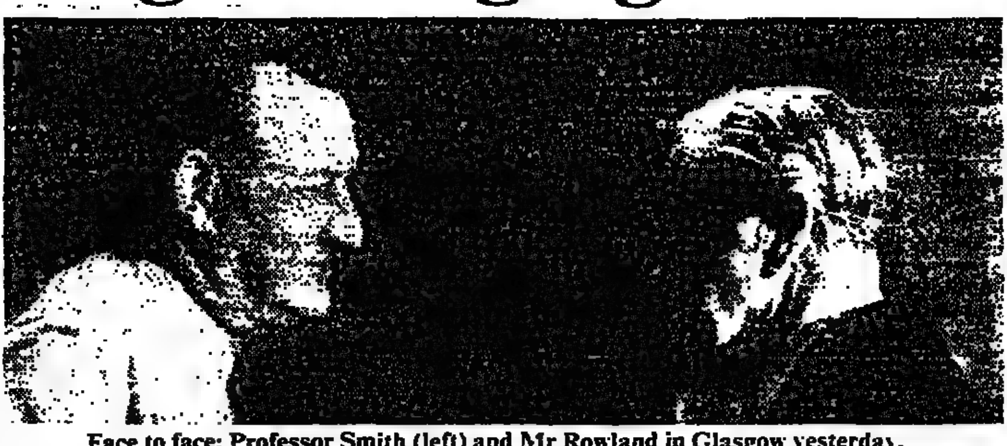
Shareholders' vote on Harrods demerger hanging in balance

By Jeremy Warner

The outcome of Lonrho's battle to demerge Harrods from the rest of the House of Fraser department stores group continued to hang in the balance yesterday, after a shareholders' meeting in Glasgow to vote on the issue. But as the meeting took place, interest in the stores group was shifting to the possibility of a consortium bid, put together by Hambros Bank.

Counting the vote, in which far more shareholders sided with Lohrho than in any of its previous battles with the main board, was said to be extremely complex. An announcement on the outcome will be made early on Monday.

Initial indications, based on proxies representing about 80 per cent of Fraser shares filed before the meeting, were that Lonrho had been narrowly defeated Some of these proxies however, may have been changed at the meeting and there was evidence that many shareholders have indulged in multiple voting on proxies.



Face to face: Professor Smith (left) and Mr Rowland in Glasgow yesterday.

Thomas Tilling, the industrial conglomerate currently fighting off a £600m takeover bid from BTR, was believed to be one of the major Fraser shareholders to swop allegiance to Lonrho for yesterday's vote.

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Lonrho's chief executive said that he had recently met with Mr Christopher Sporborg of Hambro's bank, who had discussed an offer for Lonrho's near 30 per cent stake in House of Fraser on behalf of a business consortium. But Mr Rowland dismissed the offer, believed to be 210p a share, as "too low". "House of Fraser is worth 300p a share and our stake £140m in demerged form," he said.

Whether a consortium exists is a matter of some speculation. It is certainly true that Hambros Bank has been trying to put together a consortium of buyers either to bid for the whole group, or the Lonrho holding. What is less sure is whether the consortium has materialized. Harris Queensway has been mentioned as a member of the consortium, but Mr Peter Davis, deputy chairman of the company, denied this last night.

Professor Roland Smith, Fraser's chairman was clearly concerned at the prospect of defeat and after the shareholders' meeting he back pedalled on previous pledges to resign if he lost the vote. "The question of my future with the company will depend on the board. Many have expressed the hope that I will stay on", he said.

He hinted to about 300 shareholders who attended the *meeting at the Central Hotel in* Glasgow that even if Lonrho won the day either on yesterday's voting or at a separate meeting being convened for June 30, the board might continue to fight splitting Harrods off into a separate company.

He told shareholders that the technicalities of demerger would require Inland Revenue and Office of Fair Trading approval and would also ultimately need to be sanctioned by shareholders commanding more than three-quarters of Fraser shares.

MINET HOLDINGS SHARE PRICE
DATASTREAM
INSURANCE BROKERS' SECTOR
220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60
1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 83

St Paul lifts Minet stake

The St Paul companies, a US insurance group, yesterday increased its stake in Minet Holdings, the British insurance broking firm, from 24.96 per cent to 25.98 per cent.

The group decided to go ahead with the purchase of a further 790,000 shares in Minet despite a warning last month from Sir Peter Green, chairman of Lloyd's that St Paul should not increase its stake in Minet above 25 per cent.

Sir Peter said that St Paul should be aware of a previous Lloyd's ruling aimed at preventing insurance companies out*side Lloyd's building up a big* feared that one party might give preferential treatment if insurance companies were allowed to control a Lloyd's insurance broker.

Benn board 'yes' to £12m Extel bid

By Andrew Cornelius

The board of Benn Brothers, the specialist publishers, has recommended a £12.7m takover bid by Extel Group, the news information and advertising company, in preference to an earlier bid launched by United Newspapers.

The Extel offer of three of ots shares for every five shares of Benn Brothers, values the Benn ordinary shares at 189p. This compares with the United Newspapers offer of seven of its shares at 143.5p when United announced its bid terms three weeks ago.

Mr Malcolm Lowe, chairman of Benn said yesterday that the Extel offer had been accepted partly because it was higher than the United bid; and also partly because a merger with Extel would be more beneficial to Benn specialist publishing business with Extel's computerized information services would provide significant growth prospects.

In addition Benn shareholder stand to take a 24 per cent share of Extel's pretax profits of £5.26m against a 17½per cent share in United's pretax profits of £5.44m.

Extel has brought forward the publication data of its preliminary figures for the year ending March 31, to coincide with the takeover bid.

The figures show that Extel made pretax pfofits of £5.26m for the year, an increase of 18 per cent on 1981.

Mr Brooker said that a merger with Benn would represent a logical and profitable extension of Extel's existing activities.

He said that the proposed merger was first discussed by the Extel and Benn boards earlier this year before details of the United Newspapers bid emerged.

Extel has received irrevocable acceptances from Benn shareholders and directors which together with shares in Benn bought by Extel represent 19.24 per cent of the Benn share capital.

United Newspapers had previously announced that it had received acceptances, and pledges from members of the Benn family which support its bid, which give it 14.5 per cent of the Benn share capital.

Recovery is here, says GKN chief

By Our Financial Staff

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman of Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds, Britain's largest engineering company, yesterday followed the CBI and Government ministers in suggesting that the recession is ending.

Sir Trevor, speaking after the GKN annual meeting in London, said that there are too many factors coming together in Britain, Europe and America for this to be seen as another false dawn.

The recovery has already been felt at the sharp end of the manufacturing industry, where GKN has made pretax profits in the first quarter of 1983 which are equal to those achieved in the second half of last year.

GKN is forecasting interim pretax profits of more than £30m, against £10.3m in ths second half of 1982. This is a modest achievement and means that interim profits for 1983 will only match those achieved at the same stage last year. Sir Trevor, however, said that this is a positive indication that a turn round is taking place.

The chairman's optimism helped boost GKN's shares by 6p to 165p but they later fell back to 160p

Budget boost makes Amoco field viable

By Our Energy Correspondent

Amoco, the United States oil *company, said yesterday that it* hoped to develop a small North Sea oil field called Arbroath as a result of the Government's oil taxation concessions in the Budget.

The company also said that it was *interested in bidding for the* British Gas Corporation's offshore oil assets, although it was "puzzled" that the Government was forcing the corporation one of Amoco's North Sea partners, to dispose of its profitable oil exploration portfolio.

The Abroath discovery lies in the same licence block as the Montrose field, which is already in production and is operated by Amoco. Arbroath has an *estimated 50 to 100 million* barrels of reserves.

Amoco said the tax changes had made the discovery a commercial prospect, although a final decision will depend on the outcome of discussions with the Department of Energy about whether or not the discovery can be treated as a separate field from Montrose for tax assessment.

The oil company is a partner of British Gas in four of the five oil fields which Mr Nigel Lawson, the Secretary of State for Energy, has ordered the corporation to prepare to sell.

Call for Laker arbitration

Attempts to resolve a dispute between the British and United States governments arising out of a multi-million dollar anti-trust action in the United States by the liquidator of Laker Airways against competitor airlines may have to go to arbitration, Mr Justice Parker was told in the High Court in London Yesterday.

The Laker liquidator claims that British Airways, British Caledonian and other airlines conspired to drive Laker out of business.

Responsibility for the collapse of Laker is denied by the defending airlines.

The British Government maintains that United States anti-trust laws cannot be applied to challenge the airfares system regulated by the Bermuda agreement between the two countries.

City Comment

Pensions and politics

It is probably too much to expect any oganization to support moves which may weaken its own position. But the degree of self-interest shown by the occupational pensions industry, and those who earn a comfortable living from it, is so naked as to embarrass even some of its own members.

The debate on pension rights for early leavers reached new levels of acrimony yesterday when Mr Stewart Lyon, president of the Institute of *Actuaries*, attacked the pensions report from the Centre for Policy Studies as "superficial and seriously lacking in balance". He reiterated the somewhat hackneyed line from the *National Association of* Pension Funds that "if the benefits of early leavers are to be improved, the employer must meet the extra cost, or else he must pass it on by reducing the benefits of stayers".

One of the CPS's contentions (supported by statistics on pensions from Wood McKenzie the stockbrokers) is that many pension funds are overfunded and that as a result, pension rights for early leavers could be improved with relatively little pain to employers. The Wood McKenzie survey showed that over the past five years pension funds have shown an average real return on their investments of 4.8 per cent while actuaries generally a 3 per cent real return.

With a surplus of 1.8 per cent, much could be done to improve the lot both of job changers and pensioners already retired. Yet the very genuine concern of the Government to facilitate greater job mobility by introducing measure which will give early leavers a fairer share of the pensions cake is dismissed by Mr Lyon as an emotional appeal to the electorate. "Pensions are too important to people for politicians to play politics with them".

Sears buys stake in Central TV

By Jonathan Clare

Associated Communications Corporation, the showbusiness empire once run by Lord Grade, has sold its 51 per cent shareholding in Central Independent Television, the Midlands station, with Sears Holdings buying a big interest.

Central's three biggest shareholders have also increased their holdings substantially.

Controll of ACC was won by Mr Robert Holmes a'Court through his Australian-based Bell Group after a bitter battle with Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation last year. But the Independent Broadcasting Authority ordered that ACC's shares in Central had to be put in a trust for ultimate disposal because foreign companies cannot control British television stations.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, Sears, chief executive, said he had paid £7m for the stake, equivalent to 140p a share. This is more than the unquoted shares have been trading at, but less than what ACC is believed to have asked. He will be joining the Central board

Energy ministers may approve compromise

Soviet pipeline peace formula

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

Energy ministers from the leading industrialized nations are expected to approve this weekend a compromise report on the security, which has been carefully designed to defuse the longstanding dispute between the United States and Europe over the controversial Soviet gas pipeline.

The report will be studied at the two-day ministerial meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA) which begins in Paris tomorrow, and will then almost certainly go on to be placed on the agenda for the Williamsburg summit later this month.

The energy security study was begun last winter after the Reagan Administration dropped its sanctions against the building of the Soviet gas pipeline. It has been prepared jointly by the IEA and its parent body the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), while the IEA has also prepared a separate study of the security of Western Europe's gas supplies.

Officials from the IEA's 21 member countries, which include all the leading industrialized nations except France, have spent several weeks ironing out the working of th report. They are confident that it is capable of satisfying the different interests of the United States, its European allies, and Japan.

The report concludes that the likely growing dependence of Western Europe on imported Russian and Algerian natural gas supplies is a cause for concern. Excluding Britain, 35 per cent of European gas supplies could be coming from imports by 1990.

It is also expected to stress the need for Western countries to develop their indigenous oil, gas and coal resources, and press ahead with the expansion of nuclear power. In particular, Norway will be urged to develop its offshore gas fields – including the Troll field – as quickly as possible to offset the imported gas threat.

However, a contentious clause requiring member countries not to import more than 30 per cent of their gas needs from a single source is understood to have been dropped

The gas pipeline has been one of the most important sources of controversy in the continuing clash between the United States and leading European nations over East/West trade, which is expected to figure large at the Williamsburg summit.

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74	57	Airsprung Group	62	–	6.1	9.8	17.7	17.7
46	29	Armitage & Rhodes	29	–	4.3	14.8	3.5	5.7
327	197	Bardon Hill	327	+1	11.4	3.5	13.7	17.3
148	100	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	148	+3	15.7	10.6	–	–
270	210	Cindico Group	210	–	17.6	8.4	–	–
86	50	Deborah Services	50	–	6.0	12.0	3.3	8.9
97½	77	Frank Horsell	96	–	–	–	8.0	8.6
96	75½	Frank Horsell Pr Ord 87	94½	–	8.7	9.2	10.5	11.3
83	61	Frederick Parker	62	–	7.1	11.5	3.9	6.2
55	34	George Blair	34	–	–	–	5.9	12.3
100	74	Ind Prec Castings	77	–	7.3	9.5	9.9	12.4
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147	94	Jackson Group	147	–	7.5	5.1	4.5	9.4
223	111	James Burrough	223	+3	9.6	4.3	16.3	18.1
260	148	Robert Jenkins	150	–	20.0	13.3	1.6	23.8
83	54	Scruttons "A"	69	–	5.7	8.3	9.0	10.8
167	112	Torday & Carlisle	114	–	11.4	10.0	5.1	8.8
29	21	Unilock Holdings	26	–	0.46	1.8	–	–
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Profits double at UEI

By Victor Felstead

UEI
Year to 31.1.83.
Pretax profit, £9.41m (£4.2m).
Stated earnings, 12.6p(11.4p).
Turnover, £59.78m (£30.25m).
Net dividend, 5.0p (4.3p).

Pretax profits of UEI (formerly United Engineering Industries) more than doubled in the year to January 31, 1983, to £9.41m, compared with the previous year's £4.2m.

Group turnover expanded from £30.25m to £59.78m.

A divisional bread-down shows that turnover of the electronics side more than trebled, from £11.74m to £37.46m, while profits rose almost five-fold, from £1.4m to £6.69m.

Profits of the division are given before tax and holding company interest and expenses.

The total dividend is being raised from 4.3p to 5p a share.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Sandy McLachlan

Time to breathe life into Liffe

This week's announcement by the Government that legislation will be introduced to treat for tax purposes pension fund transactions in financial futures in the same way as their other investments has been understandably and justifiably welcomed.

Understandably, because it appears to give fresh impetus to the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe); justifiably because the anomaly appeared to create reputable and disreputable classes of investment.

The crux of the problem is that under the existing law (Section 21 (2) of the 1970 Finance Act) a futures contract is not regarded as an investment until the underlying "real" assets are acquired.

So an otherwise tax-exempt fund which closes out its gilts contract by the normal expedient of buying an opposite contract is liable to income tax. If, however, the contract is held to maturity, the gain is treated as capital within the meaning of the Act.

This state of affairs has been unreasonable on two grounds. First, very few contracts are held to delivery. Indeed, the point of the market is largely to avoid taking physical possession of the underlying security.

Second, the implication was that futures were in some way less prudent investments than the asset proper.

Considering the risks inherent in equity, gilt and currency markets at the best of times it is hard to see that a fully-hedged futures investment is more exposed.

But welcome as the proposed legal change may be, it is far from certain that pension funds will flock to Liffe. Conservative, by nature, and restrained by trustees, the funds may dip their toes into the quiet waters of the Exchange. If they do, they will find that the long gilts contracts in particular offer a valuable instrument for smoothing the fluctuations in flows of funds to which they are subject.

Nevertheless, Liffe needs more than this psychological fillip. April's average daily volume of 4,600 contracts is not impressive and if anything growth has almost stopped. The *pension funds may find themselves* free to use the exchange; but others who do receive consistent tax treatment have stayed away.

SHARE HIGHLIGHTS

Company	Price	y'day	Change on week	1982-83 "High"	"Low"	Comment
Gerrard & National	387p	down 7p	402p	239p		Recent profits
Johnson Group	298p		down 38p	348p	186p	Takeover blocked
Marks & Spencer	204p		down 17p	236p	125p	Recent profits
Sotheby	445p		down 65p	530p	260p	US bid

Steetley

Steetley may forgive the little attention being paid to its first defence document in reply to the bid by Hepworth Ceramic. With the share price well above the bid price there is no reason for the company to put itself out.

It talks about assets, industrial logic, and comparative historical results, and indulges in a certain amount of knocking Hepworth. It offers no profit forecast at this stage which means that its financial adviser, S. G. Warburg does not feel that battle has yet commenced: so far the market is running the defence.

Much more interesting is to compare the Warburg tactics in this bid as with BTR bid for Thomas Tilling – where again it is on the defensive side. The Tilling defence document was for real: it offered everything but the kitchen sink and, having failed to get a monopolies reference, Tiling/Warburg must be thinking of price rather than winning.

The low-key approach to the Steetley defence in the early stages suggests that Warburg is thinking in terms of winning rather than price.

Don Brothers

for the first time in seven years a British company is making a straightforward introduction to the Stock Exchange.

The company, Don Brothers, Buist, manufacturers of industrial textiles, makes its debut on Monday – the first to do so since Willis Faber in 1976.

The advantage of an introduction rather than a conventional *placing* is that *it allows* the existing shareholders to put a market value on their shares without selling any.

More than a quarter of the shares are already in public hands and there will probably be some sellers in the market on Monday.

Don's price ought to open at between 60p and 65p based on *the promised total dividend of* 3.5p and assuming a yield of about 7.5 per cent.

On the other hand, the forecast profit for the year to the end of May is £1.1m which does not seem to bad given what the recession has done to the industry. And the company has been around since 1974, rather longer than some.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Yorklyde
Year to 31.1.83
Pretax profit, £1.12m (£11.8m)
Stated earnings, 52.8p (56.7p)
Turnover, £4.71m (£4.17m)
Net dividend, 18.0p (16.5p).

Scottish Ontario Investment Co.
Year to 31.3.83.
Gross revenue, £1.77m (£1.59m)
Stated earnings 3.35p (3.21p)
Net dividend, 3.3p (3.15p)

Copydex
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit £191,000 (£100,000)
Turnover, £7.19m (£6.28m)
Net dividend, 2.5p (2.4p)

Anglo-African Finance
Half-year to 19.1.83
Pretax income, £134,000 (£173,000)
Stated earnings, 0.66p (6.62p)
Net interim dividend, nil (nil)

Nationwide Leisure
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit, £240,000 (£194,000)
Stated earnings, 0.5p (1.1p)
Turnover, £2.62m (£2.32m)
Net dividend nil (nil)

Northern Goldsmiths
Year to 28.2.83.
Pretax profits £61,000 (£198,000)
Stated earnings 5.84p (5.11p)
Turnover £16.64m (£16.18m)
Net dividend 0.85p (3.51p)

Tern-Consulate
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit £32,000 (£281,000)
Stated earnings 0.84p (11.49p)
Turnover £8.15m (£9.43m)
Net dividend 0.25p (2.5p)

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Expatriates advice

Home policy revamp

Norwich Union is revamping its Home Plus policy for houses and flats without any increase in levels of premium. Contents cover has been extended to include articles left in the open within the grounds of the house, up to a maximum of £500.

Cover on cash in the house has been increased from £50 to £200 and accidental damage to televisions, video recorders, audio euipment and home computers now automatically forms part of the cover. New and existing policyholders benefit.

Premium rates for self-contained flats, maisonettes and apartments of standard construction have been reduced from £2 per £1,000 to £1.50 per £1,000.

Car premiums up

Most private car policy-holders with Royal Insurance will find their premiums *increased by 7 per cent from May 1.* Preferential terms will be maintained for *the older experienced driver*, but younger drivers will have to pay a higher accidental damage excess.

Some policy-holders will be better off *after district rate changes, and certain* discounts are being improved. For instance, husband or wife-only driving will now attract the same 10 per cent discount as insured-only driving and a new discount is introduced for cars over five years old.

Security plus

The Sussex County Building Society and AMEV Life Assurance have launched the County Capital Growth Plan which combines the advantages of investing in a managed fund with the security of a building society account.

The investment (minimum £2,000) is placed in a special Sussex County account where it earns a guaranteed $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent above the ordinary share account rate. From this account, one *eighth of the initial investment* is deducted each year to fund the net *annual contribution for an AMEV Life* Maximum Investment Plan.

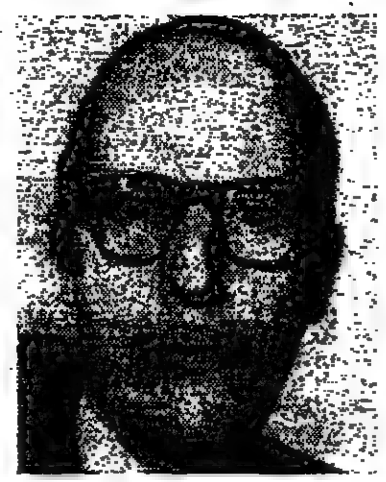
At the end of the ten-year period of the growth plan, the investor receives the *maturity value of the investment plan*, the balance of the building society account plus an additional bonus from the Sussex County of 5 per cent of the original investment – all tax free for basic-rate taxpayers.

The highly successful Framlington unit trust group is managing the AMEV fund in which contributions to the investment plan are channelled.

Joint credit card

Leeds Permanent Building Society is lining with Yorkshire Bank and Barclaycard to provide a credit card facility for its investors. They are launching the Pay & Save Account next month to enable investors to apply for a Yorkshire Bank Barclaycard.

Card-holders will be able to use Barclays Bank cash dispensers and make monthly settlements at branches of the Leeds.


Govett: a service for all types of *invester is his aim*

Govett launch

John Govett, investment manager, is moving into the unit trust business. Govett, which manages four investment trusts (Border & Southern, General Stockholders, Lake View and Stockholders), various pension funds, *and other institutional and private money*, is launching an American Growth Fund this weekend. A Japanese fund will be launched next month, and three or four *other unit trusts over the next couple of* years.

Govett prides itself on its expertise in the North American market, where it has £235m invested. Its small investment management team is based in London, but visits all the US companies in which its funds have a stake at least once a year. These visits, the managers say, pay off not only in terms of the existing investments, but also in hot tips on new companies. The new fund will put money into computers and software, and health care. The minimum investment is £500.

Adoption and tax

Allowances paid to parents who adopt children will not be taxed, it was announced this week.

The payments referred to are made generally by local authorities and are paid to parents who take on "hard to adopt" children. Adoption agencies, again largely local authorities, are required in deciding on an allowance in any particular case to take into account *the existing resources of the adopting* parents.

The payments were introduced under Section 32 of the Children Act 1975 which came into force in February last year.

Profit option

A five-year income bond giving 8 per cent a year after deduction of basic rate tax is on offer from Hill Samuel Life. Investors can opt for a guaranteed profit *of 48 per cent over the five-year term* if they do not need income.

Income bonds

Hybrid plan for capital growth

R. J. Temple, the financial consultants, have developed a scheme providing income for the over 65s, the possibility of capital growth, and a means of avoiding clawback of age relief.

The scheme, the Retirement Income Board, is a hybrid consisting of a five-year *guaranteed income bond*, and an investment in a managed fund and a managed currency fund run by Cannon Assurance.

The income bond shows a guaranteed return of 8.5 per cent net of basic rate tax, and the investor also takes a withdrawal of 8 per cent from the Cannon investment bond.

If the underlying assets of the investment bond appreciate by at least 8 per cent a year, investors will not be depleting their capital.

According to figures produced by R. J. Temple, an investor can increase spendable income by £5.50 a week by switching a *£20,000* investment in a building society into the Retirement Income Bond, because of the avoidance of age relief clawback.

The scheme does give investors the possibility of capital growth which they would not find with a building society investment, but there is the risk that the value of the investment bond could go down as well as up.

It is also debatable whether an investment in a managed currency fund *is suitable* for elderly investors, who might not realize that there is an exchange rate risk.

The structure and tax treatment of the bond is complicated and anyone contemplating such an investment should take professional advice.

Income is paid quarterly.

Unit trusts

Recovery helps funds show their worth

Spurred on by Wall Street, several of the world's leading *stock markets* achieved record levels last month. Apart from New York and London, market indices registered new peaks in *both Frankfurt* and Tokyo.

Reflecting these buoyant conditions, many unit trusts scored useful gains last month. *The best result among funds* invested in Britain was achieved by the £2.5m Henderson Recovery Fund, which *recorded an offer price jump of* more than 12 per cent.

With world economies now moving out of recession, there are clearly plenty of potential recovery candidates. However, as Henderson itself points out, although long term investment in such stocks usually proves rewarding, it is a sector carrying an above average degree of risk.

In addition to the Henderson fund, which stands in 22nd position in the 1983 league table, four other recovery portfolios make the top 30. Bridge International Recovery, where the investment is undertaken by stockbrokers Vickers da Costa holds eighteenth position, one place ahead of Britannia Recovery and three in front of M & G American Recovery. Framlington Recovery appears at 28th.

Turning to the overseas markets, Save and Prosper Select International marked up a 10 per cent offer price rise, while concentrating on the *United States*, Tyndall North American had a clear edge over its rivals with an 8 per cent price increase. What, of course, reduced gains for British investors in America last month was the recovery of sterling on the international money markets, *which saw the pound 5 per cent* higher against the dollar.

Sterling's reviving fortunes against the yen over recent weeks more than offset the marginal gain by the Tokyo stock market indices. The best performance by a fund specializing in Japan last month came from Crescent Tokyo, just 2.7 per cent higher.

Despite last month's experience, most investment managers appear to be still looking for further strengthening of the yen in the currency markets.

As for Japanese equities, investors are pinning considerable hopes on the benefit of lower oil prices.

The biggest gains last month, though, were recorded by those trust invested Downunder. Tyndall Australian Securities led the sector with a 13.6 per cent offer price rise, followed byanother recently-launched fund Lawson Australia and Pacific.

Investors now appear to have accustomed themselves to the new Labour Administration of Mr Bob Hawke, which came to power in Australia in March. By the end of last month, the Australian Metals and Mines index stood some 20 per cent higher than its level on February 7, after investors had taken fright at Mr Malcolm Fraser's decision to call the early general election.

The Australian stock market is now beginning to reflect overseas demand for the country's natural resources. Coupled with the benefits of the recent devaluation and firm metal prices, Mr Compton believes that "the outlook for the Australian equity market is bright for fundamental reasons."

Mike Hockings

Present value of £100 invested over four months to May 1st 1983

	FUND	VALUE
1.	GT European	157.6
2.	Henderson European	149.0
3.	FFI & Target Small Cos.	139.0
4.	GT US & General	137.9
5.	Mercury American Growth	137.6
6.	Hill Samuel European	137.5
7.	Schroder Singapore & Malaysia	136.7
8.	S & P Select International	136.1
9.	Barrington European	135.5
10.	Aitken Hume Energy & Resources	134.2

Personal savings

How elderly people can escape the taxman's clawback



A perennial complaint from the elderly is that income from their hard-earned savings is effectively taxed at 50 per cent because of the clawback of "age allowance".

Age allowance is the higher personal tax allowance available if the taxpayer or his wife will be 65 before the end of the tax year. It is available for that year whether or not he or she survives to that age.

In the present tax the rate of age allowance is £3,755 for a married couple and £2,795 for a single person, compared with the normal personal allowances of £2,795 and £1,785 respectively. At the basic rate of 30 per cent age allowance saves tax of £288 for a married couple, or £172.50 for a single person.

The trap is that age allowance is reduced when the taxpayer's total income exceeds a specified level. This year this level is set at £7,600 both for single people and married couples. Above £7,600 the allowance is reduced by £2 for every £3 of additional income until the normal level of personal allowance is reached – at £8,462.50 in the case of a single person and £9,040 for a married couple. Therefore income within this band of decreasing age allowance is effectively charged at 50 per cent – 30% plus two-thirds of 30%.

Unfortunately, many elderly people do not understand how age allowance works or how to avoid the clawback of age relief.

They do not realise that when determining total income for age allowance purposes it is grossed up building society interest which has to be included in the calculation.

For example Mr and Mrs Jones hava a joint income of £7,600 and they have £10,000 invested in a building society earning 6.25 per cent per annum this year. The building society pays them £625.

For age allowance purposes Mr and Mrs Jones's income must be treated as increased by the grossed up amount of £893 (i.e. £625 x 100/70) to £8,493. As a result of this their entitlement to age allowance is reduced fro, £3,755 to £3,160 which in turn increases their tax liability by £179.

So the £625 net interest they recieved only has a real net worth of £446 after the reduction in age allowance has been calculated. And obviously, *in terms of investment performance*, if the £625 represented 6.25 pe cent per annum then the £446 would represent a yield of only 4.46 per cent.

Although normally a building society would be a perfectly reasonable investment, it is not suited to this type of income situation. The Jones can make better use of the £10,000 they have available for investment.

One of the simplest ways of doing this is an investment in National Savings Certificates. These certificates are free of income tax and capital gains tax and can be bought by Mr and Mrs Jones at the Post Office.

For their £10,000 Mr and Mrs Jones can buy 400 units of *the 25th Issue. By gradually* encashing 118 of the units, Mr and Mrs Jones can build up an average income of £717 over *the next five years as follows:*

Year 1: 27 units sold producing £705.50.

Year 2: 25 units sold producing £705.50

Year 3: 24 units sold producing £726.24

Year 4: 22 units sold producing £720.28

Year 5: 20 units sold producing £718.00

This increased their spending power by £271 per annum. If the Joneses retained the remaining 282 units for their full term *of five years their capital* will build back to £10,124.

By pulling themselves out of the age allowance trap in this way, *the Joneses have increased* their income, retained their capital and they still have an investment which they can deal with personally and locally.

Anne-Marie Piper

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There's nothing small about Japan's investment potential.

Brilliant application of advanced technological skills by a disciplined and highly productive workforce has steered Japan successfully through the worst of the world recession.

Inflation, forecast at 1½% for 1983, is running at one of the lowest rates for any advanced industrialised economy.

And Japan's massive home market, absorbing over four fifths of the country's production, provides a firm foundation for an aggressive export policy.

Hardly surprising, then, that Japan's performance is the envy of its industrial competitors. Though the US and UK economies may well turn the corner in 1983, it is highly unlikely that they will be able to match Japan's forecast of 3½% growth this year.

Japan has also been highly successful in containing growth in its labour costs to levels well below those of its competitors. The latest wage round, shortly to be concluded, points to a settlement around the 4½% mark.

Outstanding prospects

For the astute investor there is a key question. If Japan can produce such outstanding performance in adversity, what will be the potential as the climate of world trade improves?

In Gartmore's view, prospects are excellent. Any high street bears witness to the success of Japan's export drive. Advanced applications of microchip technology in the fields of video and hi-fi will, in our view, maintain Japan's dominance in this field, especially as the rumblings of a potential trade 'war' now appear to be abating. The highly automated Japanese car industry *should continue to benefit on* much the same basis.

Strong currency

For the UK investor there is, in our view, also considerable scope for profit from the currency situation. At Gartmore we believe that the yen is still undervalued against most of the world's major trading currencies. Falling interest rates worldwide *should lead to a further strengthening of the yen* – the advantage of those who invest now.

Invest in success

One of the best investment routes into this strong and healthy economy is through Gartmore Japan Trust. Aiming for above-average capital growth, the Trust has handsomely achieved its objective, with an 82.4% rise in the offer price of units since launch in November, 1980, compared to a rise in the Tokyo SE index of only 27.2%.

Gartmore's Far East expertise

In achieving this performance for unitholders, Gartmore's investment professionals have a distinct edge in their ability to draw upon the valuable experience of their Hong Kong-based colleagues, who have over twenty years of experience in Far East investment.

How you could profit from Japan's potential

You, too, can take a stake in Japan's success by completing the coupon below and sending it to us with your cheque. The minimum investment is £200.

The offer price of units on 5 May, 1983 was 45.6p. *As the Trust's main aim is capital growth*, the estimated current gross yield is low – a modest 0.47% p.a.

Remember the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

If you hold shares and would like to consider exchanging them on advantageous terms for a stake *in Japan, please tick the box in the coupon for* details of our Share Exchange Service.

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Gartmore Japan Trust

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FAMILY MONEY

These tables show the value on May 1 of £100 worth of units invested 12 months ago and 3 years ago – net income reinvested and based on an offer-to-offer basis. Figures supplied by Planned Savings Statistics.

FINANCIAL

	12mths	36mths
James Finlay InvT	156.6	214.4
Britania Finan Secs	154.8	210.1
S&P Inv Trst Units	148.8	215.4
Kleinwort Ben Fits	147.3	217.5
Key Fixed Interest	146.8	157.3
Nat West Financial	146.5	202.5
Practical	145.5	212.5
M&G Fund of In T	145.3	210.9
Abbey Invst Trst	144.9	207.7
S & P Scotbits	142.4	185.6
Legal & Gen Gilt	141.1	
Target Pref Share	140.2	165.5
Arbuthnot Pref S	139.5	153.8
S&P Financial Sec	139.0	210.9
Target Invest Trust	138.8	224.9
Tynall Preference	138.2	152.7
Britannia Inv Trst S	138.0	182.0
Tyndall Fin & Prop	136.7	165.9
Henderson Fin & P	135.6	179.8
Proific Gilt Cap	134.2	
Arbuthnot Cap G	133.5	189.9
Mercury Gilt	132.1	
Gartmore Guilt	131.8	
Target Gilt Capital	131.4	150.7
Equity &L G Fix Int	131.3	
Britannia Gilt	131.3	
Hill Samuel G&FG	131.0	
Manulife G & F Int	130.5	
Barclayunic Finan	130.4	159.6
Alld Hambro Gov S	130.2	
Fidelity G & F Int	129.5	146.6
S & P Int Bond	129.3	168.8
Hill Samuel Finan	129.2	177.9
Framlington C & G	129.2	
Henderson Gilt	129.1	
H Samuel G & F Inc	128.3	
Midland B G & F I	128.0	
Canlie Gilt & F Int	127.9	
Brown Shipley Fin	127.4	164.3
Target Gilt Income	127.2	
Rowan Fixed Int	126.9	
Hen'son Pref & Gilt	126.9	142.7
M & G Gilt	126.7	
Rowan High Int	126.2	
Barrington Gilt Yld	126.1	
Arbuhnot F & P	125.9	157.7
Nelstar Gilt & F/Int	125.0	
B'clayunic Gilt Inc	124.9	
Tyndall Gilt Inc	124.6	
Sch'der Gilt & F/Int	123.9	
Brit Pref Share	123.7	125.4
Vanbrugh Gilt	123.5	
All H'vey & Ross	155.9	
S&P Gilt & F/In/G	122.9	
Ch'tain Pref & Gilt	122.4	124.9
S&P G' & F/Int Inc	122.3	
Henderson F/Int	122.0	
Abbey Gilt & F/Int	121.7	140.1
Abbey W'w Bond	121.2	156.2
Craigmount Gilt	120.6	122.9
Ar'not Gilt & F/Int	116.1	132.1
Brittania Prop Sh's	110.6	130.4

GROWTH

	12mths	36mths
Prolific Technology	200.1	
Crescent Capital	175.8	
Brown Ship. Tech	174.8	
Hend's'n Spec Sits	169.9	284.7
Nat West Capital	168.2	240.7
Martin Currie	165.9	216.5
Gt Capital	164.8	230.8
Fidelity Spec Sits	162.8	251:1
Friends Provident	161.8	251.3
Oppen'er Spec Sits	160.4	156.1
Prolific Spec Sits	160.3	
Alld Hambro Tech	159.0	222.4
Bishopsgate Prog.	154.4	210.7
M & G Magnum	154.3	194.4
Brittania Growth	154.1	167.9
Perpetual Growth	152.8	224.4
S & P Capital	151.5	211.2
Tyndall Spec Sits	151.5	170.4
Hill Sam'l Spec Sits	150.8	245.9
Brit. Spec Mkt Sits	150.6	162.3
Bridge Capital	150.4	190.1
Vanguard Spec Sits	150.3	188.7
Schroder General	150.2	244.5
Midland Bk Captl	149.6	182.6
James Capel Captl	148.9	228.2
Hend'son Cap Gth	147.9	209.6
S&P Smal'r Cos Inc	147.8	211.5
Nat West Gth Inv	147.7	202.1
Gartmore Ins Ag	147.6	195.0
Carr Sebag Capital	146.7	182.5
Schroder Capital	146.5	217.4
TSB Scottish	145.1	225.5
Baring Bros Strart	144.8	197.8
Royal Life Equity	144.7	
HK Technology	144.2	154.3
NPI Growth	143.2	206.0
Ulster Bank Gth	141.6	194.3
Alld H'bro O's E'g	141.4	215.3
Vanguard Growth	140.7	189.0
Ety & Lw UK Gth	140.2	
TSB Slctd Opport'y	140.1	
Britt Cap Accum	139.8	165.1
Craigmount Revry	139.4	164.0
Target Professional	139.0	193.0
Wieler Growth	138.9	193.6
Hill Samuel Capital	138.7	190.2
TSB General	138.6	194.9
Barclayunic Revry	138.5	188.1
Framlington Cap	137.2	196.4
M&G Con. Growth	136.5	196.0
Barclayunic Capital	136.2	191.3
Alld Hambro Acc	136.1	198.4
HK Private	135.9	202.4
Stewart Brit Cap	135.7	196.7
Pearl Growth	135.7	200.7
Alld Ham Rec Sts	143.6	194.5
Ducan Lawrie Gth	134.5	146.4
Barclayunic Gth Ac	134.2	191.3
Brown Shipley Gwth	133.3	193.2
Abbey UK Growth	133.0	192.1
Tyndall Sm Comp	132.7	165.9
Manulife Growth	132.2	173.2
Gartmore British	131.3	232.3
Henderson Rec	129.5	135.0
Britannia Assets	127.7	162.5
Tyndall Capital	127.1	164.5
M&G Com Growth	125.7	164.5
Arkwright	124.6	
Royal Tst Capital	123.7	182.7
Brown Ship Rec	120.5	107.6
M&G Recovery	116.8	147.7
Quadrant Recovery	116.7	
Gartmore Spcl Sits	116.6	177.6
Gartmore UK Sm Cs R	115.1	
Target Special Sits	115.0	205.3

INCOME

	12mths	36mths
Nat Wst Ext	160.3	190.7
Nat West Income	152.7	226.3
Eqy & Lw Hgh Inc	151.8	–
Hendsn Inc & Gth	151.0	258.5
Hend'sn Ext Inc	150.9	194.2
Mercry Inc & Recy	145.7	–
Ald Hmbr Hgh Inc	144.0	205.1
Gartmore Income	143.0	203.0
Ald Hmbr Eqy Inc	143.0	195.5
Rowan High Yld	142.5	200.2
Midland Bk Inc	141.7	186.2
Target Extra Inc	141.1	163.9
Hill Samuel Inc	141.0	184.4
Great Winchester	140.1	201.1
Midld Bk Hgh Yd	139.5	169.2
Schroder Income	139.4	214.9
S&P Scotyields	139.2	178.1
McAnally Dph Inc	138.9	171.5
Arbuthnot Hh Yd	138.9	152.9
Pearl Income	138.1	182.6
Brwn Ship Hgh Inc	138.1	153.9
Barr'ton Hgh Yd	137.4	172.9
Prolific High Inc	137.2	209.7
Crsct Grth & Inc	136.7	192.0
Atkn Hume Sc Inc	136.2	157.8
T&G Wkm'r Div	136.1	177.2
L&C Income	136.0	186.6
Brit Nat Hgh Inc	135.8	168.4
Barclayunic Inc	135.6	195.4
Brit Inc & Grth	135.5	182.5
TSB Income	135.3	217.5
New Court Inc	135.1	176.9
Key Income	135.1	184.3
Perpetual Income	134.7	217.0
M&G Con'sn Inc	134.3	184.5
Lloyds Bk Income	134.0	183.0
Carr Sebag Inc	133.9	173.0
Cresent Hh Dist	133.7	173.0
James Capel Inc	133.7	185.2
M&G Dividend	133.4	175.2
S&P High Yield	133.3	182.3
S&P Income	133.2	173.8
S&P High Return	133.2	173.1
Brown Shipley Inc	133.2	197.6
Hndersn High Inc	133.0	181.6
M&G High Income	132.9	178.9
GT Income	132.7	183.5
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Framlington Inc	131.8	190.2
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Arbthnt High Inc	128.5	144.3
Fidlty Gr & Inc	128.2	171.3
Kleinwt Ben H Yd	128.0	173.0
Alld Hambro H Yd	128.0	157.8
Hill Samul H Yld	127.6	159.1
M&G Mid & Gen	127.4	163.3
Buckmas Cumberld	126.5	142.4
Hudrsn Sml Co Dv	125.4	182.2
Tyndl Hgh Yld Fnd	124.4	129.5
Mayflower Income	123.5	154.7
Chiftn Inc & Grw	123.4	143.9
Gartmore Hgh Inc	123.3	158.1
Ansbchr Inc Mthly	123.2	176.7
Nelstr hgh Income	122.9	138.6
HK Income	121.9	131.3
Royal Trst Income	120.7	163.1
Duncan Lawrie Inc	120.7	116.1
Middle Mt Hgh Inc	119.5	141.0
Ridgefield Income	119.1	135.0
Jms Finly Hgh Inc	118.7	161.0
Chieftn High Inc	118.2	135.7
Gartmore Ext Inc	117.9	148.6
HK Extra Income	116.7	140.5
Quadrant Income	115.7	143.2
Craignt Hgh Inc	110.6	124.5

GENERAL

	12mths	36mths
Schroder Small Cos	190.7	344.6
Gt Technlgy & Grth	182.8	
Royal Lon Cp Acc	181.3	
Leo Capital	177.7	271.9
MLA	172.7	317.7
Britannia Smll Cos	172.5	286.9
Nat West Recovery	170.8	
Buckm'ster Sm Cos	168.4	
Arbuthnot Smll Cos	167.7	256.1
Legal & Gen Eqty	167.2	242.5
HK Small Cos	166.5	229.6
Klei'wt B'son S Co	165.7	216.4
Lloyds B S Co & Rc	163.9	228.2
Aitk'n H'me Sm Co	162.2	224.3
Quadrant General	155.0	222.8
Barrington General	154.8	227.8
Nat West Small Cos	153.1	232.6
Pelican	149.8	222.9
Electra Small Cos	149.7	219.8
S & P UK Equity	149.6	212.0
Alld Hambro Captl	148.8	221.3
Mencap	147.9	
Pegasus Equity	145.7	
Britannia Domestic	145.0	169.9
Equity & Law Gen	144.9	210.1
Barr'ton Small Cos	144.6	214.1
Buckm'ter Buck'am	144.5	168.8
Minster	144.5	208.6
Barclayunic Gen	143.8	197.9
Norw'ch Un'n Grp	143.2	217.1
Framlington Recov	142.9	
Barclaytrst Invest	142.5	193.0
Anderson	142.3	183.9
Scottish Equit Unit	142.0	196.4
Family Fund	141.6	171.1
M & G Second Gen	141.6	201.5
Aitken Hume Sp Sit	141.5	212.5
Vanguard Trustee	141.3	182.6
Rowan Securities	141.1	208.5
Abbey General	141.0	205.1
M & G Small Cos	140.9	191.5
T&G Colemco	140.4	204.8
Hill Samuel Secrty	140.4	185.6
Henderson In & Ass	140.2	180.9
Equitas	140.1	188.7
G & A	139.9	191.6
Brown Shipley Fd	139.9	176.9
Alld Ham 2 Sm Co	139.7	205.4
Nat West Prtfl Inv	139.0	172.5
Prudential	137.9	191.6
Lloyds Bk Balanced	137.6	200.7
T & G Barbican	137.5	196.3
Mercury General	137.5	250.6
McAnally Glen	137.5	191.2
Confederation Grth	137.5	184.2
M & G Trustee	137.0	187.1
Klein Ben Un Fd	136.8	188.4
Pearl Trust	136.7	188.0
Reliance Brit Life	136.6	192.0
New Court Sm Cos	136.5	207.3
Scot Amic Equity	136.4	
Hill Samuel British	136.3	189.2
Tyndall Inter Earn	135.8	180.4
Barclayunic Trust	135.7	196.1
Friars House	134.3	164.9
M & G General	134.0	183.9
Mayflower General	133.7	171.5
HK Market Leaders	133.4	158.8
Archway	132.8	168.8
Rowan Merlin	132.7	182.8
Guardhill	132.4	185.6
Britannia Shield	132.2	151.6
Alld Ham Grth & In	131.5	208.9
Alld Ham Sm Cos	131.2	181.5
Alld Ham Brit Ind	130.8	174.1
Discretionary	130.6	187.5
Nelstar Trust	130.4	155.5
Barclayunic '500'	130.0	191.7
S & P Scotshares	128.9	168.5
Lloyds Life Equity	128.8	187.3
Target Equity	128.7	173.7
T & G Wickmoor	128.6	182.8
Alld Hambro First	128.3	172.8
College Hill	128.0	170.1
Northgate	128.0	148.9
Britannia UK Bl Ch	122.8	171.6
Reliance	122.8	171.6
Barclayunic Pr Ass	121.7	173.6
Chieftain Small Cos	120.4	151.8
Key Equity & Gen	120.2	160.6
Aitken Hume I & G	115.2	140.0
Robert Fraser	96.9	105.6

OVERSEAS

	12mths	36mths
GT US & General	217.8	386.2
Arbuthnot Foreign	202.4	270.4
Aitken Hume A Tc	200.3	287.5
Henderson A S Co	198.5	379.5
Britannia Wld Tech	196.0	
Framl'ton US Tu'd	193.6	366.4
M & G Amer Rec	192.7	368.1
Prolific Nrth Amer	192.3	
Arbuthnot Nth Am	191.1	242.3
Framlington Amer	191.0	374.1
Eq'ty & Law N Am	186.7	
S && P Utd Sts G	186.4	308.9
Fidelity American	185.9	334.6
Brit'nia Am Sp Co	185.1	353.4
Target Amer Eagle	181.5	252.7
Target US Spec Bnd	181.3	
Alld Ham Am Sp S	180.9	
S & P New Tech	180.0	
Schroder American	179.8	
Fidelity Am Spl Sits	179.3	
Gt European	177.9	
Framl'ton Int Gwth	177.8	311.2
Henderson Inter	176.3	276.8
Barrington N Amer	175.9	263.7
Henderson Europ	175.3	225.8
New Court Amer	175.2	312.6
M & G Am & Gen	174.2	278.5
Henderson N Amer	172.4	311.6
S & P Eur'pn Grth	170.1	195.5
Midland Bk N Am	169.9	244.3
Hill Samuel Europ	169.4	
Ridgefield Inter	169.1	211.0
Nat West N Amer	168.3	197.8
Lloyds Bk Intl Tech	168.3	293.8
Henderson Glb Tch	167.8	
HK American	167.3	214.1
Crescent Tokyo	166.7	320.5
James Capel N Am	166.7	230.9
Lloyds Bk N Amer	166.1	
Barrington Euro	165.7	257.7
TSB American	165.5	
Murray American	165.0	
Abbey Amer Grth	164.9	224.4
Stewart American	164.7	291.5
Britannia Am Gr	163.9	250.3
James Finlay Inter	163.9	235.7
Britannia Am Sp Sit	163.7	225.8
Rowan America	163.4	290.0
Chieftain American	163.1	218.0
Tyndall N Amer	163.0	247.5
Hill Samuel Dollar	162.8	234.6
Alld Ham Sc of Am	162.5	249.4
Bridge Amer & Gen	162.3	249.1
London Wall Intl	161.9	237.5
S & P Select Intl	161.6	217.7
Royal Life Interntl	161.5	
Gartmore Amer	161.1	269.5
Crescent American	160.7	262.6
Brown Ship N Am	159.8	237.8
Schroder Europe	158.4	161.6
Prolific Interntl	157.6	229.1
Barclayunic Amer	157.4	215.7
Quadrant Interntl	156.9	247.1
Bishopsgate Int	155.6	258.7
Hill Samuel Int	155.5	223.5
Midland Bk Ov Gr	154.3	206.1
GT International	153.4	228.0
Buckmaster Marl	153.0	217.3
L & C Int & Gen	152.8	182.4
NPI Overseas	149.5	233.2
Britannia Japan Per	149.1	228.7
Schroder S'ng & M'T	149.0	
Barclayunic World	148.8	175.1
Nelstar Interntl	148.6	
Lloyds Bk Wd Gr	148.6	218.5
Target World Cap	148.4	
Fielding Interntl	148.3	186.1
Bridge Interntl Rec	148.3	236.8
Schroder Tokyo	146.8	
Perpetual Wld Rec	146.5	
Bk of Irlnd Br & Ov	146.3	
Fidelity Japan	145.6	
Stockholders	145.2	218.7
World Wide	145.0	220.0
Stewart European	144.0	
Brw In Grth & Incl	143.5	
Alld Hambro In	143.4	182.7
Tyndall Far Eastern	141.9	
Gartmore Interntl	141.8	214.1
Target Mal & Sg	141.7	
Mercury Interntl	141.4	194.8
Craigmount Can	140.7	130.3
Oppenhmr Int Grth	139.9	238.2
Henderson Japan	139.5	254.8
Prolific Far Eastern	139.3	
S & P Japan Growth	138.8	240.1
Gt Japan & General	138.6	244.5
Arbthnt East & Int	138.2	237.2
Alld Hambro Japan	137.7	
Stockholders Eur	137.2	
S & P Univ Growth	136.8	161.4
TSB Pacific	136.7	
Barrington Pacific	136.0	231.8
Brit Int Growth	136.0	164.1
Mayflower Int	135.7	183.2
Gartmore Japan	134.7	
Graigmt Nth Amer	134.5	176.4
Crescent Int	132.9	193.4
Lloyds Bk Pac Bn	132.7	
Mid Bk Jap & Pac	132.5	250.5
Darlington Ttl Per	130.8	
Hill Saml Far East	130.7	243.9
Equity & L Far Est	130.5	
M & G Eur & Gen	129.5	146.7
Beckman Int Cap	129.1	
Chiefin Far East	128.9	215.9
Hdrsn Pac Sml Cos	128.7	215.1
Bcitunc Grtr Pac	127.3	
Nat W Jap & Pac	127.2	
M & G Jap & Gen	127.0	189.9
Bwn Shp Orient	126.0	
Carr Sebag Fr Est	124.9	
Alld Ham Pac	123.0	185.3
HK Far East & Gen	122.4	162.6
Britannia Far East	122.3	170.0
Murray European	121.7	129.4
Target Pacific	121.2	209.3
Schroder Austrln	119.1	
Duncn Lawrie O/s	117.6	117.6
Aitken Hume Pac	117.2	180.0
GT Far East & Gen	115.5	227.9
Barclayunic Austr	114.1	114.9
M&G F Etn & Gen	111.0	175.9
Chieftn Australn	107.9	
Hendrsn Australn	102.4	109.4
M&G Auslasn & G	101.6	87.5
Gartmre Fr Eastn	100.6	175.2
Chieftn Intntnl	100.2	143.5
S&P S E Asia Grth	100.0	150.3
Gartmore Australn	90.3	
Brtania H K Perfm	77.7	

SPECIALIST

	12mths	36mths
Brit Gold & Gen	232.1	216.7
Target Gold	212.6	–
Al Ham Mt & Mn	162.3	179.6
A. Hume En & Res	147.8	136.5
Britannia Com Shr	143.6	116.2
Gartmore Com	142.9	153.4
H Samuel Nat Res	142.3	–
S&P Com Share	141.3	151.6
Target Commod	137.8	159.7
M&G Com & Gen	133.5	143.9
Midland Bk Com	130.5	134.1
Arbuthnot Com Shr	127.8	114.0
Henderson O&N	126.8	158.8
Hk Com & Gen	126.4	158.8
S&P Exploration	120.1	–
Tyndall Nat Res	118.1	102.8
Nat West Energy	115.6	–
Lloyds Bk En Int	115.5	–
S&P Energy Ind	113.8	114.9
Chieftain Basic	111.5	93.8
New Court En Res	107.0	106.1
James Finlay W E	103.9	–
Britannia U En	103.1	89.2
Target Energy	102.6	–

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FAMILY MONEY

Premiums

Move to end discrimination

The debate in the insurance industry about whether it is fair to charge women more for permanent health policies may take on an entirely different complexion if the United States brings in legislation presently before Congress outlawing the use of different actuarial tables for men and women.

The Fair Insurance Practices Bill would mean the introduction of unisex mortality and morbidity tables and insurers in Britain could also find themselves under great pressure to change their ways.

The Equal Opportunities Commission is conducting a test case on permanent health insurance, backing Ms Jennifer Pinder, a London dentist, who claims discrimination because she is forced to pay 50 per cent more for part of her permanent policy.

At the moment insurers are allowed to discriminate between men and women under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 if they can justify this, through actuarial data. The Commission is challenging the industry to produce this data in court. It has been so slow in doing so that the Pinder case is unlikely to reach the courts before October.

But the American feminist lobby has ignored this approach even if the actuarial data do show that women have higher sickness rates than men this still does not mean that men and women should be treated differently.

There are also benefits for men in this approach. At present they pay more for their life insurance because the actuarial data show that they die younger. In the US men drivers under 25 years of age have to pay a great deal more for car insurance.

The new bill would insist on unisex tables for every aspect of insurance. Several years ago the practice of charging blacks more for life insurance was banned, although the mortality tables showed that they died younger than white policyholders.

It is this principle that is being used to support the bill. As one politician put it: "The insurance industry justifies the differentiation because of actuarial tables which tend to show that women generally outlive men .... those same tables would also establish that white people outlive black people. But our society frowns as well it should, on different rates for different races. "Why should it accept different rates for different sexes?"

What sort of difference would it make if the same principles were extended in Britain?

Women could not be charged up to 50 per cent more than men for permanent health cover. Women would not have to pay more than men of the same age for payments under an annuity, which would benefit pensioners.

Occupational pension funds would not be able to maintain discrimination against women in survivors' benefits by arguing that women are more expensive to provide a pension for because we live longer. Men would not have to pay more for life cover than women of the same age.

The American feminists argue that everyone should pay the lowest rate for benefits, which the insurance industry will argue would be disastrous. The Equal Opportunities Commission says it gets complaints from men about being charged higher life insurance. It would like to see everyone getting equal benefits and if that meant women having to pay more for life insurance then that was fair.

Margaret Drummond

THERE ISN'T AN EXTRADITION TREATY ON CAPITAL TRANSFER TAX, IS THERE?

Smith

Getting away from the transfer tax trap

Of the two certainties in life – death and taxes – the expatriate may feel he is doing well to avoid 50 per cent.

For the most part, British expatriates do avoid British taxes, certainly income tax and capital gains tax, if they take minimal precautions. But capital transfer tax is different.

Income tax and capital gains tax liability is determined primarily by the taxpayer's residence but CTT liability is determined by his domicile – a different thing altogether. Becoming non-resident is relatively straightforward but changing domicile is much more difficult and is by no means automatic on a move overseas. Indeed, a person may live abroad for many years, even the whole of his working life, but remain United Kingdom domiciled. For most working British expatriates this means they remain liable to capital transfer tax.

The legislation on domicile is complex but the concept can be readily grasped. A person is domiciled in the country which is his permanent home, or where he intends to stay, or the country to which he intends to return in due course.

A domicile of origin is acquired at birth, generally the father's domicile, and this remains undisturbed until an independent domicile of choice is established. This is where difficulties may arise.

Evidence to back the claim is essential and this should include cutting formal ties with Britain such as selling property, resigning from clubs, political parties, etc. and ceasing to vote (if eligible) in British elections. At the same time, evidence of intent to stay abroad would include buying property in the new country and perhaps applying for citizenship there.

If, for any reason, the new domicile is abandoned, it will be replaced by reversion to domicile or origin and there may be a claim that this was never lost in the first place. This brings the possibility of a retrospective CCT bill if there have been chargeable transfers in the interim.

However, if you have no assets in Britain, it will be difficult, if not impossible for the Inland Revenue to collect any CCT levied though it may try to collect from any beneficiaries resident in Britain.

Even for permanent emigrants the acquisition of a domicile will not always relieve them from CTT. For CTT purposes they will be deemed to remain British domiciled for up to three after departure.

These days the domicile of husband and wife is considered independently. Where a couple have different domiciles it is vital that they take professional advice on their CTT planning since there are both advantages and pitfalls.

Still on the subject of couples, another complication can arise if they decide to retire abroad. They may feel that there is no need to consider CTT planning since they both expect to live for at least the three years while they would remain liable for the tax.

But even when they get beyond the three-year barrier what very often happens is that on the death of one spouse the other decides to return to Britain with, as already described, the possibility of a retrospective CTT bill and the likelihood of future CTT planning being much more expensive than would have been the case earlier.

On CTT planning, the expatriate who remains British domiciled, is entitled to all the same reliefs as British residents – the nil rate band (up to £60,000 in any ten-year period), tax free transfers between spouses (where both are UK domiciled), the annual and small gifts exemptions and so on.

The insurance companies, as usual, have the answers. The earliest of these schemes was the discounted gift scheme or PETA plan. More recent arrivals are variations on the inheritance trust idea involving the donor making a loan to a trust and retaining his income and control of his assets because he, himself, receives an income from the trust, as repayment of his loan.

Alternatively, the donor may make a gift to the trust, using his allowances, and receive his income in the form of a series of loans from the trust.

The advantage for the expatriate is that he can use these schemes offshore, placing his funds in offshore life company bonds and thus he, and his beneficiaries, can obtain the higher returns to be expected through the tax-free growth available to the offshore funds.

The schemes, once effected offshore, will continue as a tax shelter even when the expatriate returns to Britain. The message to expatriates, therefore, is to do the planning now, and not when you get back home – then it will be too late, for the offshore option at least.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account – no interest paid. Deposit accounts – Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6¾ per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Monthly income account Natwest 9⅛ per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 – 1 month 9.25 per cent. 3 and 6 months 9 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Money funds
Seven-day deposits. Simco 7-day fund – 9.85 per cent. UDT Average Rate Deposits – 9⅞ per cent. Simco dollar fund – 7.69 per cent. Western Trust one month Money-market a/c: 9.75 per cent. Mallinhall 9.95 per cent call. Tyndall 7-day fund 10 per cent. Save and Prosper high interest a/c 10.20 per cent. Interest paid without deduction of tax. Tullet & Riley Money market Trust Call Fund – min £10,000 10.19 per cent. 7-day fund – £2,500 10.06 per cent. Further details from: Simco 01-236 0233. UDT 01-623 3020. Tyndall 0272 732241. Western Trust 0752 261161. Mallinhall 01-499 6634. Save and Prosper 0708 66966. Tullet & Riley 236 0952

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts – interest 3 per cent or 6 per cent if £500 is maintained, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account – 10½ per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

National Savings Certificates 25th issue
Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 7.51 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Min investment £2,000 – max. £200,000. Interest – 11 per cent variable at six weeks notice – paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice – check penalties.

National Savings 2nd index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1983 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1982 and October 1983 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 Retirement issue certificates purchased in May 1978, £174.96 including 4 per cent bonus.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.
2 & 3 years Canterbury Life [illegible] per cent min investment £1,000. 4 years General Portfolio 9-11.5 per cent min investment £1,000. 5 years Canterbury Life 9 per cent min investment £1,000.

Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10⅛ per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Lambeth 9¾ per cent. 2–3 years Nottingham City 10⅛ per cent. 4–6 years Knowsley 10⅞ per cent. 7–10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-630 7401, after 3 pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts - 6.25 per cent. Term shares – 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes – 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fifty scheme: 6 months 9¾ per cent; 1 year, 10 per cent; 2 years, 10½ per cent.

Foreign currency deposits
Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Intl. Reserves 0481 26741. seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

US dollar	8.13 per cent
Yen	5.15 per cent
D-Mark	3.75 per cent
French Franc	11.12 per cent
Swiss Franc	3.05 per cent

March RPI: 327.9 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month.)

Books

Home thoughts on jobs abroad

Working Abroad – The Expatriate's Guide is a book for the average working expatriate either presently abroad or still contemplating the move.

It attempts to cover all the main problem areas from the initial planning stages to the return home. For the intending expatriate, it covers the type of work available, the areas, how to find the right job and what to look for in an employment contract.

For those who have already found a job, it covers the move, what to do with the home in Britain, education and health matters.

There are chapters on taxation, national insurance and investment and financial planning.

The guide was written by David Young and published by the Financial Times Business Publishing, price £11.45 (including p & p) from Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1ND.

Retirement and your income

Money and your Retirement, a comprehensive guide to finances in retirement, has now been revised and substantially rewritten after the Budget. It covers practically everything the retired, or retiring, person needs to know about the financial aspects of retirement and contains a newly-expanded section of home income plans.

The booklet, written by Edward Eves, is published by *Choice Magazine* in conjunction with the Pre-Retirement Association and is available from *Choice Magazine* at Whitehall, London Road, East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 1AW, price £1.50.

Cover for all occasions

Twenty-five per cent of British households have no contents insurance and more than 5 million breadwinners have no life assurance cover.

The British Insurance Brokers Association has sponsored a guide to sort out these problems and to advise on where to find the best cover for specific requirements.

The guide, *Value for Money Insurance* covers practically any insurance you are likely to need.

The guide has been published by Flame Books and is available at all good bookshops at a price of £2.95.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10 %
Barclays	10 %
BCCI	10 %
Consolidated Crds	10 %
C. Hoare & Co	*10 %
Lloyds Bank	10 %
Midland Bank	10 %
Nat Westminster	10 %
TSB	10 %
Williams & Glyn's	10 %

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The time is right. Here's the opportunity.

Energy costs are falling. Inflation rates are down in many parts of the world. Investors are returning to the US stock markets with large amounts of cash. These are clear signs pointing to a recovery in the US economy more fundamental than others which have started in the past 10 years.

Now investors can take advantage of this up-turn at the right time by investing in this new unit trust from John Govett. The Govett American Growth Fund aims to produce capital growth through investment principally in the United States.

Current outlook

In the past fortnight business confidence has continued to rise sharply as the recovery in economic activity accelerates. Wall Street continues to be buoyant with every minor market correction an opportunity for selective buying. It is time for equity investment in America.

Investing for growth

At first, investment will be concentrated in three major areas which John Govett feel offer good growth prospects.

1. *Computer technology*
The continuing rapid growth in computers and their applications, plus the necessary software, has produced many smaller companies with exciting prospects. Computer-linked developments in communications such as satellites and cellular radio also offer great opportunities.

2. *Health care*
Hospital group management companies, and the software companies providing systems for individual hospitals, form a very successful industry in the US and elsewhere in the world. Medical device companies are another part of the health care industry to have grown significantly, and there are many attractive investments in this field, which John Govett are well placed to identify and monitor through their close contacts with the industry.

3. *Industrial and service companies*
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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Account ends on dull note

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings end, May 20. Contango Day, May 23. Settlement Day, May 31.

Early appraisal of the local government elections sent the buyers scuttling for shelter as the last day of the account ended on a dull note yesterday.

Dealers reported nervous selling in thin trade as investors waited patiently for definite signs of a date for the General Election. The *FT* index, down 2.7 at 2pm ended the day only 0.6 off at 694.4, as new-time buying for the next account dried up.

Dealings in the new tap, Treasury convertible index linked 2½ per cent 1999 received little support with the closing price unchanged at £40 1/16, partly paid, compared with the issue price of £97.50.

The rest of the gilt market lost ground with falls of up to £½, despite hopes earlier in the week of an imminent ½ per cent in bank base rates.

The pound ended the day on foreign exchanges unchanged at $1.5780.

Leading industrials put up a steady performance under the lead of Glaxo after United States approval for the marketing of its anti ulcer drug, Zantac. Shares of Glaxo responded with gains of £15/16 to close at £9 1/16. The group already has permission to market the drug in Britain, but has waited patiently for the news from the United States.

London Brick ended the week unchanged at 163p still awaiting the identity of the buyer of just under 5 per cent of its shares in recent weeks. Tarmac has been tipped as the favourite, but it is unlikely to comment unless the stake goes over 5 per cent.

Who's the big buyer behind Marley? Yesterday the shares held steady at 62p as he picked up a further 500,000 at the 60½p level. So far this account the same buyer has picked up more than 4 million shares amounting to just under 2 per cent of the equity. The market is waiting for further development.

Exco International, the money broker, with a big stake in Telerate, the financial information system, ended the week on a firm note 60p higher at 633p. This must come as good news for several of the big institutions which had been banking on a successful debut for Telerate on Wall Street this account. In the event, Telerate's opening proved something of an anti-climax with most of its big shareholders thrown into disarray.

In electricals, shares of Plessey enjoyed a late run after recent weakness, closing 10p up at 609p. Most of the institutions have brought the shares this account, but appear to regret the decision.

Among second line electricals Cambridge Electronic advanced 8p to 213p. Before the figures in March the shares stood at 160p.

On the bid front, shares of Mr Paul Bristol's KCA Drilling, a subsidiary of KCA International, showed pretax profits up from £26.9m to £39.1m. The group has proposed an unchanged final of 1.87p.

Mr Bristol gave no indication of when investors might expect the terms of his deal, although next week might prove an ideal date in the wake of this week's flurry of activity.

Shares of Hogg Robinson, insurance broker, rose 1p yesterday to equal the high for the year of 122p amid hopes of a bid from the US after St Paul's decision to take its stake in Minet Holdings above 15 per cent. Despite the recent controversy at Lloyd's, the US insurance market still appears anxious to gain a foothold in London.

Oil shares were depressed, despite denials from Japan on Thursday that Iran was selling its oil at a discount and provoking a renewed price war. Further selling from the US prompted falls of 10p in BP at 388p and 4p in Shell at 486p.

Ahead of interim figures on Monday, shares of Akroyd & Smithers, one of the two publicly quoted jobbers, lost 12p to 351p. The rest of the market is unlikely to place much emphasis on the figures. The real test will come with the full-year figures. But after the recent strength of the gilt and gold market, investors are unlikely to be disappointed.

Still awaiting the prospect of a Monopolies reference, Trident TV 'A' shares dipped another 3p to 85½p. Earlier this week Pleasurama, which is bidding 114p a share for Trident, called off its casino deal with Grand Metropolitan making the prospect of a reference that much more real.

Saxon Oil jumped 19p to 185p on the increased stake from Clyde Petroleum.

But the counteroff for Benn Bros from Extel failed to do much for the shares which closed only 2p higher at 190p. Extel lost 5p at 310p.

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) May 6	Market rates (close) May 6	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.5710-1.5810	$1.5775-1.5785	0.21-0.16c prem	0.49-0.44c prem
Montreal	$1.9305-1.9370	$1.9350-1.9360	0.16-0.06c prem	0.39-0.29c prem
Amsterdam	4.32-4.35½fl	4.33-4.34fl	2-1½c prem	5-4½c prem
Brussels	76.85-77.15f	77.00-77.10f	7prem-3c disc	8prem-2c prem
Copenhagen	13.73-13.77k	13.74-13.75k	185prem-20ore disc	70-235ore disc
Dublin	1.2180-1.2240p	1.2220-1.2230p	45-59p disc	142-158p disc
Frankfurt	3.84¼-3.87½m	3.85-3.86m	2-1½pf prem	5-4½pf prem
Lisbon	153-156e	154-155e	605-1875c disc	1205-2790c disc
Madrid	215.60-216.30p	215.90-216.15p	205-310c disc	540-690c disc
Milan	2293-2300lr	2296-2298lr	8-11lr disc	34-37lr disc
Oslo	11.17-11.24k	11.20½-11.21½k	280-470ore disc	1005-1205ore disc
Paris	11.59-11.64f	11.61-11.62f	2½-3½c disc	12½-13½c disc
Stockholm	11.78-11.82k	11.80-11.81k	45-155ore disc	205-325ore disc
Tokyo	370-373y	370¼-371¼y	141-122y prem	382-334y prem
Vienna	26.90-27.21sch	27.13-27.18sch	13-10gro prem	34-29gro prem
Zurich	3.23-3.25½f	3.23¼-3.24¼f	1½-1¼c prem	4½-4¼c prem

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Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Weekend: High 10¼ Low 5
Week Fixed: 10¼-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅞	2 months	9¾
3 months	9¾	3 months	9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	10⅛-10⅞	1 month	10⅝
2 months	9⅞-9⅞	2 months	10½
3 months	9¾-9⅞	3 months	10⅞
6 months	9⅞-9⅞	6 months	10⅛

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10⅞-10⅞	7 months	10⅛-9⅞
2 months	10⅞-10⅞	8 months	10⅛-9⅞
3 months	10⅞-10⅛	9 months	10⅛-10

Other Markets

Australia	1.8025-1.8175
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Finland	8.5185-8.5585
Greece	131.25-133.25
Hongkong	10.8490-10.8890
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4570-0.4600
Malaysia	3.6080-3.6380
Mexico	225.00-230.00
New Zealand	2.3670-2.3870
Saudi Arabia	5.4220-5.4620
Singapore	3.2800-3.3100
South Africa	1.7040-1.7190

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.2928-1.2956
† Canada	1.2267-1.2270
Netherlands	2.7435-2.7470
Belgium	48.78-48.83
Denmark	8.6950-8.7050

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CRICKET: A DEATHWISH AT HOVE AND LIVELY BOWLING AT LORD'S

Sussex starting not with a bang but a whimper

By Alan Ross

HOVE: Nottingham beat Sussex by an innings and 32 runs.

In the most agreeable weather of the match Sussex again batted dismally on a placid pitch. Mendis and Barclay put on 53 for the first wicket but after that no one, except possibly *Phillipson, looked* likely to last. Sussex, all out for 175, were beaten fair and square by an innings and 32 runs.

There was no comparison between conditions on the first morning and yesterday. Hadlee, from the sea end, and Hendrick again bowled straight and accurately at not much over medium pace, but the steady fall of wickets appeared to be mostly the batsmen's doing.

Mendis was the first to go, leg-before to Hadlee after adding only eight. Green never settled and was soon taken at slip off Hendrick. Barclay, meanwhile, was alternating awkward prods and shufflings with the kind of flashing square cut that once used to be his signature. Off the front foot he now has no power at all, and more than anything, one feels, he needs hours in nets, being encouraged simply to bit the cover off the ball.

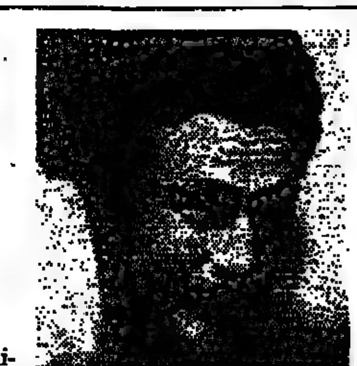
Nevertheless he was promising better things when Cooper, who is quite disturbingly similar to John Snow in approach and delivery, flattened his off stump. Sussex were 92 for three at lunch.

Parker, with some leeway to make up after a disappointing season last year, got going with a couple of spanking cover drives off Hadlee. This brought an immediate increase of pace and venom, and in quick succession both Parker and Greig were beaten off the pitch and leg before. Wells had already departed, caught at slip off Cooper, after some dreadful *firm-footed waftings.*

Gould hung around for half an hour but them, swinging at the longest of long hops from Hendrick, was caught by French behind the wicket.

At 127 for 7, and Sussex subsiding with no great show of anguish, Phillipson joined le Roux. As in the first innings, Phillipson brought a welcome composure in defence, as well as sweetness of timing, to the scene.

Le Roux cleared mid-off a few times but then should have been comfortably caught, Randall and *Saxelby politely leaving* a skier to each other. It was of no great matter, for soon afterwards le Roux drove a half



Hendrick: straight man

volley from Saxelby into the arms of extra cover.

Pigott, the hero of Wednesday, disgreaced himself this time with a tumbling scoop at Hemmings, the ball siphoning vertically to a considerable height but only a yard or two forwards. Phillipson, going down the wicket, drove Hemmings straight and satisfyingly for four and a six. These areas being posted he now attempted to sweep him to the vacant leg side, fell over and was stumped. It was a sorry end

SUSSEX: First innings 115 (A C S Pigott 63; R J Hadlee 4 for 25, M Hendrick 4 for 28).

Second innings

G D Mendis l-b-w b Hadlee	30
*J R T Barclay b Cooper	36
A M Green c Randall b Hendrick	8
P W G Parker l-b-w b Hadlee	20
C M Wells c Rice b Cooper	4
I A Greig l-b-w b Hadlee	1
†I J Gould c French b Hendrick	13
G S le Roux c Birch b Saxelby	27
C P Phillipson st French b Hemmings	28
A C S Piggott c Hadlee b Hemmings	0
C E Waller not out	4
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 5)	[illegible]
Total ()	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–53, 2–61, 3–80, 4–99, 5–99, 6–100, 7–127, 8–147, 9–152, 10–175.

BOWLING: Hadlee 19–9–31–3; Hendrick 16–7–24–2; Hemmings 20.1–3–55–2; Cooper 12–5–28–2; Saxelby 9–3–31–1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 322 for 9 dec (R J Hadlee 103, J D Birch 55).

Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehead.

Getting in on the act at last

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Middlesex (6 pts) drew with Lancashire (2).

Middlesex snaffled three bonus points for bowling against Lancashire yesterday after fretting from 11 o'clock until gone three to get on to the field. Although heavy overnight rain had resaturated the outfield, Middlesex were prepared to wait until tea time if necessary, or beyond, for the chance to collect what further rewards they could.

In the event, at 2.40 it was announced that play would start at 3.15. At 2.55 this was changed to 3.10, to fit in with the tea interval. At 3.8 with Daniel poised to bowl the first ball, the umpire Wright insisted that he shuld wait for two minutes – until the clock showed 3.10. And then half an hour later they all trooped off for tea. What an amazing ritual this game is!

But for the rain the intention had been for Lancashire to forfeit their first innings and Middlesex their second so that Lancashire could spend the day chasing the 332 they would have needed for an outright victory. Once this start had been delayed Lancashire would happily have gone home.

Of the bowlers, Daniel, who will be playing for West Indies in the Prudential World Cup, was not the most impressive. Appreciably the fastest was Cowans, which was encouraging. He bowled very well, putting everything into it despite a still dampish run up. Williams took four for 47 in 15 overs. He was accurate and lively.

The comparison between the way Middlesex bowled yesterday and Lancashire on Thursday was startling. Nothing had happened for the pitch to change – though the ball did seem to swing more yesterday than the day before. But that too could have been because the bowling was better. Of the St Vincentians, the Barbadians and the Jamaican only Daniel is not qualified for England.

The pitch, however, was as good as on the previous day, which weakened *Lancashire's case for an* abandonment, and once Gatting had persuaded the umpires that his side were prepared to risk injury on the squelchy surrounds, the umpires were more or less obliged to start the game. "If in doubt, play" are the umpires' unwritten instructions.

By tea Fowler had been sent back much too late by Lloyd and run out from long leg by a long St Vincentian arm (William's). At the interval Lloyd retired with a stiff neck. Afterwards Hughes was brilliantly caught at third slip by a Barbadian (Butcher) off a Jamaican (Cowans) and O'Shaughnessy glanced the same Jamaican to another St Vincentian (Slack).

Simmonds was then out to another splendid catch by the Barbadian, off the first St Vincentian, and Hayes was beaten for pace by the first St Vincentian. Only when Downton caught Abrahams off the first St Vincentian and Tomlins caught Jefferies, also off Williams, did the old country get in on the act. With four possible overs left, Lancashire took their only trick of the day – they declared.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 331 for 8 dec (G D Barlow 128, M W Gatting 64 not out, W N Slack 56).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

D Lloyd retired hurt	9
G Fowler run out	7
S J O'Shaughnessy c Slack b Cowans	25
D P Hughes c Butcher b Cowans	15
F C Hayes b Williams	6
*J Abrahams c Downton b Williams	0
J Simmons c Butcher b Williams	0
S T Jefferies c Tomlins b Williams	11
P J Allott not out	16
I Folley not out	4
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 4)	5
Total (7 wkts dec, 40 overs)	98

†C Maynard did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–14, 2–49, 3–62, 4–63, 5–65, 6–70, 7–78.

BOWLING: Daniel 5-1-7-0; Williams 15-4-47-4; Cowans 10-2-28-2; Emburey 4-2-6-0; Gatting 5-1-7-0; Slack 1-1-0-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 6, Lancashire 2.

Umpires: K Ibadulla and P B Wight.

Jesty has to be so serious

By Richard Streeton

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (7 pts) drew with Hampshire (4).

Hampshire, who started by following on 19 runs behind, applied themselves with diligence to batting through the day. By the end, they owed most to Tremlett and Jesty that their objective was fulfilled with only one slight alarm. Northamptonshire's cause wasot helped by the loss of the first hour's *play to enable the field to dry from* early morning rain.

Much of the irregular bounce earlier in the match had disappeared from the pitch though there was always a little help for the spinners. Hampshire's only worry came just after they cleared their arrears when Steele dismissed Turner and Pocock with successive balls. There was a maximum *of 90* minutes left and Hampshire had five minutes remaining, but Cowley stayed safely with Jesty to the end.

Tremlett and Smith gave Hampshire the best possible start, with a first-wicket stand which lasted 100 minutes before Smith dabbed a low catch to second slip. Smith had some uneasy moments against Carse, but, otherwise, again looked a gifted player. Carse, too, has created a good impression in this game, but Kapil Dev's arrival from the West Indies means he could now lose his place this weekend.

Nichoas failed, but Tremlett, without attempting a great deal, continued to bat soundly. He had been in for two and three-quarter hours when he was spendidly caught on the leg side, glancing at Steele's faster ball. Jesty played some attractive strokes in between moments of care, as Cook tried seven bowlers in short spells.

Turner was caught behind and Pocock hit his wicket trying to cover *drive on the back foot. With the* sixth-wicket pair in calm control the match was given up after the 10 mandatory overs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 346 for 8 dec (P Willey 175 not out: S J Malone 4 for 93).

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 177 (C L Smith 55).

Second innings

T M Tremlett c Sharp b Steele	59
C L Smith c Steele b Mallender	36
M C J Nicholas l-b-w b Carse	5
T E Jesty not out	53
D R Turner c Sharp b Steele	18
*N E J Pocock b Steele	0
N G Cowley not out	14
Extras (b 4, l-b 13, n-b 2)	19
Total (5 wkts)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–87, 2–94, 3–118, 4–168, 5–168.

BOWLING: Carse 12-2-38-1; Griffiths 10-2-30-0; Willey 14-2-33-0; Williams 11-2-27-0; Steele 19-8-24-3; Mallender 9-3-25-1; Capel 4-0-17-0; Cook 1-0-4-0; A Lamb 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: P J Eele and B Leadbeater.

● Ian Butcher, the 20-year-old brother of the Surrey opener Alan, is in Leicestershire's squad of 12 for tomorrow's John Player League fixture against Worcestershire at Grace Road.

Selvey, that great Welsh batsman

By Peter Marson

CARDIFF: Glamorgan (3 pts) drew with Essex (6).

This match has been so devastated by rain that a draw became inevitable by the time mopping up operations had been completed and a start was made at 12.15 yesterday. The chief interest in both camps now lay in bonus points, remembering always that Glamorgan's first task was to avoid following on, a matter of 114 runs.

The character of the pitch had changed little which meant that *Glamorgan's batsmen* required patience, and Essex's bowlers some ingenuity if they were to take wickets.

Selvey, who had first taken guard in the twilight of Wednesday evening, walked out to the crease for the thirds time yesterday with 24runs in the book. By the time Essex had rounded him up afr tea, Selvey *had* made 63, a captain's innings in every sense, and his best performance in the County championship. Responsibility was its corner stone and if some strokes were blown off course – it was quite windy out in the middle – thwn those that made contact had the resonance of the bat's middle, and generally made runs.

Essex must now be aware of Selvey's possibilities as a batsman, specially against Essex's bowlers. His previous top score of 57 had been for Middlesex at Ilford in 1981, and last season Selvey made another 36, this time not out, against Essex at Southend. Selvey soon lost his partner Hopkins, well caught by David East somewhere near his bootlaces. That was in the morning's fifth over. Francis, who made over a 1,000 runs last season, now had the sobering experience of making nought for the second time in the championship.

His passing brought in Miandad, who might well have been a sentry in his box as he resolutely refused to show his hand *in* 20 minutes at the



Selvey: Essex scourge

crease before lunch. Miandad was much more recognisable afterwards and Fletcher turned to the flight and spin of Raymond East and Acfield.

In the meantime Selvey had reached his half century in two hours and 21 minutes, a gruelling effort in which he hit three boundaries. Miandad's sudden acceleration then took him to his own 50 with a six to long on signalling a fourth wicket partnership of 100, and taking Glamorgan clear of that first important hurdle.

ESSEX: First innings 323 for 8 dec (K W R Fletcher 151 not out, K S McEwan 107).

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A Jones b Lever	13
J A Hopkins c D East b Lever	25
*M W W Selvey c Pringle b Lever	63
D A Francis l-b-w b Pringle	0
Javed Miandad c Fletcher b Acfield	89
C J C Rowe not out	31
R C Ontong not out	9
Extras (b2, l-b 8, n-b 15)	25
Total (5 wkts dec, 94 overs)	255

B J Lloyd, J G Thomas, †E W Jones and A H Wilkins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–25, 2–71, 3–72, 4–198, 5–234.

BOWLING: Lever 28-9-61-3; Phillip 17-1-50-0; Pringle 12-2-22-1; Gooch 10-2-23-0; R East 17-6-38-0; Acfield 10-0-30-1.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 3, Essex 8.

Umpires: W E Alley and K E Palmer.

Popplewell shines at end

TAUNTON: Somerset (7pts) drew with Worcestershire (5pts).

With more than seven hours lost to rain, the Schweppes county championship match at Taunton ended in a quiet draw. Worcestershire reached 253 for seven in 85 overs after Somerset had compiled 325 for seven declared. Play eventually began yesterday at 2pm and Worcestershire started at 78 for one.

Weston hit six fours in his 61-over innings of 92 and took his second-wicket partnership with Neale to 121 in 44 overs before Dredge broke through. Popplewell then snapped up three quick wickets in seven overs as Worcestershire slumped from 160 for one to 237 for seven, but Younis Ahmed steered his side to a third batting point.

SOMERSET: First innings 325 for 7 dec (P M Roebuck 61, J W Lloyds 58; A P Pridgeon 5 for 58).

Worcestershire: First Innings

J A Ormrod c Botham b Wilson	22
M J Weston l-b-w b Dredge	92
*P A Neale c Lloyds b Dredge	40
D N Patel c Gard b Popplewell	31
Younis Ahmed not out	35
M S A McEvoy l-b-w b Popplewell	0
†D J Humphries b Popplewell	9
R K Illingworth l-b-w b Davis	1
J D Inchmore not out	5
Extras (b 2, l-b 5, w 1, n-b 10)	18
Total (7 wkts, 85.1 overs)	253

A P Pridgeon and S P Perryman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–39, 2–160, 3–175, 4–211, 5–211, 6–227, 7–237.

BOWLING: Botham 7-3-11-0; Davis 15-2-51-1; Dredge 22-9-38-2; Wilson 12-0-52-1; Marks 19-7-49-0; Lloyds 3-0-10-0; Popplewell 7.1-1-28-3.

Bonus points: Somerset 7, Worcestershire 5.

Umpires: R Palmer and D R Shepherd.

Somerset pair to play

With the Test series between West Indies and India having ended earlier this week in Antigua, several counties have been waiting to hear whether thir overseas players will be able to play in today's Zonal qualifying matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

The holders Somerset, are pleased to have both Richards and Garner available for their match against John Player League champions, Sussex, at Taunton. Some glamour, however, has been taken out of the tie by the absence through injury of Imran Khan,, of Sussex.

Hampshire, who lost all their qualifying games last year, will be without two West Indians, Greenridge and Marshall, for the visit of Essex to Southampton. But Leicestershire, who have already lost Taylor with an elbow injury, welcome back Roberts for the match against Worcestershire who yesterday signed their own West Indian import, King. Unfortunately, King misses the match because of a previous commitment to play for Colne in the Lancashire League today.

At Lunchtime yesterday, Lancashire were still waiting to hear from the West Indian captain, Lloyd, before today's match against Warwickshire at Old Trafford. The visitors there still have doubts about their own captain, Willis. He has yet to play this season after suffering influenza.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Leicestershire v Derbyshire

AT LEICESTER

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 302 for 3 dec (B F Davison 84 not out, D I Gower 81, J C Balderstone 69).

Second innings

J C Balderstone not out	31
R A Cobb l-b-w b Miller	14
D I Gower not out	5
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 2)	4
Total (1 wkt)	54

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–36.

BOWLING: Oldham 6–1–15–0; Miller 4–2–4–1; Moir Tunnicliffe 3–0–17–0.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 265 for 8 dec (J G Wright 60, H Hampshire 52).

Bonus points: Leicestershire 7, Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: N T Plews and R A White.

Cambridge U v Kent

AT FENNER'S

KENT: First innings 324 for 5 dec (N R Taylor 114, M R Benson 105).

Second innings

R A Woolmer c Boyd-Moss b Pollock	4
*C J Tavaré b Cotterell	44
C S Cowdrey not out	103
G W Johnson not out	4
Extras (l-b 2)	2
Total (2 wickets declared)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–119.

BOWLING: Pollock 12-4-36-1; Hodgson 19-5-57-0; Cotterell 12-1-48-1; Doggart 4-1-17-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings 140

Second innings

T S Curtis not out	44
D W Varey not out	28
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 3)	4
Total (no wkt)	76

BOWLING: Dilley 5-1-7-0; Jarvis 4-0-9-0; Underwood 8-6-5-0; Ellison 5-3-5-0; Cowdrey 6-0-21-0; Johnson 6-3-18-0; Woolmer 3-0-8-0.

Umpires: C Cook and C T Spencer.

Gloucestershire v Surrey

AT BRISTOL

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 333 for 7 dec (A W Stovold 122, A J Hignell 50 not out; P I Pocock 4 for 70).

SURREY: First innings

A R Butcher st Russell b Childs	14
G S Clinton c Bainbridge b Shepherd	105
D M Smith c Bainbridge b Childs	90
G P Howarth not out	22
*R D V Knight b Childs	0
M A Lynch not out	9
Extras (b 3, l-b 8, w 1)	12
Total (4 wkts, 83 overs)	252

†C J Richards, D J Thomas, S T Clarke, G Monkhouse and P I Pocock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–27, 2–218, 3–234, 4–238.

BOWLING: Shepherd 25-8-77-1; Sainsbury 15-3-55-0; Childs 19-4-57-3; Graveney 19-4-36-0; Bainbridge 5-1-33-0.

Bonus pointsZ: Gloucestershire 5, Surrey 6.

Umpires: D J Constant and J Van Geloven.

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

AT HEADINGLEY

YORKSHIRE: First innings

G Boycott b Ferreira	28
R G Lumb not out	29
G B Stevenson not out	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total (1 wkt, 43.4 overs)	61

C W J Athey, J D Love, S N Hartley, + D L Bairstow, P Carrick, A Sidebottom, *R Illingworth and S J Dennis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–55.

WARWICKSHIRE: T A Lloyd, K D Smith, *D L Amiss, A I Kallicharran, G W Humpage, A M Ferreira, + G A Tedstone, C Lethbridge, C M Old, Asif Din, W Hogg.

Umpires: H D Bird and R Julian.

Second XI competition

HINCKLEY: Leicestershire II v Middlesex II, match abandoned.



Wood: questioned his own ability

Wood quits as captain

Barry Wood, the former England all-rounder, has resigned from the Derbyshire captaincy. His decision was conveyed to the Derbyshire chairman, David Robinson, after the first day of the championship game at Leicester.

Wood, aged 40, who joined Derbyshire from Lancashire in 1980 and was made captain for the 1981 season, yesterday issued a statement saying: "I have found it too demanding to captain the side and maintain my standards as an opener and as a bowler. This has led me to question my ability as a captain."

Wood's decision was unexpected and Derbyshire's chief executive, Roger Pearman could only say: The matter of a new appointment will be discussed as soon as possible." Meanwhile, Geoff Miller, another England all-rounder, will lead the side in this weekend's two one-day matches. He captained the county from 1979 until Wood's appointment.

Wood took over the captaincy when Miller resigned, and he led the county to a NatWest Trophy victory that year. Wood's forthright and demanding style of team leadership apparently led him into conflict with some players last season, and he was reported to be unhappy at the committee's decision to offer him only a one-year contract.

● Karachi (Reuter) – The Pakistan seams bowler Sarfraz Nawaz was fined 10,000 rupees (£500) yesterday for "gross indiscipline", the Pakistan Cricket Control baord said.

TENNIS

Higueras numbers himself among the specialists

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Dusseldorf

José Higueras, ranked seventh in the world, has again decided that he *will not compete at Wimbledon.* Higueras said here yesterday that the Wimbledon courts he had previously been sent to play on were simply not good enough.

Another clay-court specialist, Eliot Teltscher, ranked thirteenth, has provisionally made a similar decision but may yet change his mind.

Teltscher said he would compete at Wimbledon if he thought he had a chance to win, but at present this was not the case. He considers he has a better chance in the French championships, played on clay, and will therefore concentrate on Paris. Teltscher pointed out that there were three great championships – those of France, Wimbledon and the United States – and said it was unreasonable that the first two, contested on different surfaces, were only two weeks apart.

This is the age of the specialist. Today's professionals think twice about adjusting their games to a possibly alien surface on which they may lose in an early round and thus fall back in the world ranking. The exceptions fall into three groups: those who believe they should support the major championships, those aware that they can aspire to fame only if they confront all the toughest challenges of their calling, and those youngsters who are still developing their games and must therefore try everything.

A *player in this last category is* Patrick Cash of Australia, aged 17, who has spent six weeks learning his trade on European clay. Results were not encouraging but in this week's World Team Cup competition Cash put the experience to good use when he found that – in the absence of the injured Peter NcNamara his country needed him badly.

Cash came from behind to beat Joakim Nystrom, (Sweden) in the third set and then joined Mark Edmondson in a decisive doubles win. Yesterday, with Neale Fraser advising him from the captain's chair, Cash again opened the door for Australia. Playing with much discretion and tenacity, he beat Pedro Robolledo (Chile) a muscular and demonstrative little man who goes in for muttered monologues. After the longest of these Rebolledo won two games to love. Evidently it does him no harm to talk to himself as long as he is listening. The match was coloured by cherry blossom blown across the court by a mischievous wind.

Before going further one should explain that yesterday Australia, Chile, the United States and Sweden were vying for the right to join New Zealand and Spain in tomorrow's semi-final round. Predictably we were granted a series of matches highly charged with drama. Edmondson, a large man with a bleak, intimidating glare, was not designed to play on clay. Moreover, it takes *time to warm up his tightly packed* 13st 8lb, but he gave a combative performance before losing to Hans Gildemeister 6-2, 6-7, 7-6 in a match of many trembling crises.

That tie thus depended on the doubles. So did the other. Mats Wilander, champion of France had his forty-first consecutive singles win on European clay beating Teltscher 6-1, 7-5.

RED GROUP: United States bt Sweden 2-1 (US first): E Teltscher lost to M Wilander, 1-6, 5-7; B Gottfried bt J Nystrom, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2. Gottfried bt A Jarryd and H Simmondsson, 6-2, 7-5. Australia bt Chile 2-1 (Australia first): P Cash bt P Redolledo, 7-5,6-4; M Edmondso lost to H Gildemeister, 2-6, 7-6, 6-7. Cash and Edmondson bt Gildemeister and Prajoux, 6-7, 6-0, 7-6.

Miss Durie yields to a gymnast

From a Special Correspondent
Perugia

The absence of the world's top 10 from the Italian championships has far from damaged the women's game as it has allowed another crop of promising young players to emerge.

The most well-known name among the for *who remain in the* tournament is Kathy Rinaldi, aged 16, from the United States. But because of two unsteady performances this week Miss Rinaldi is not regarded as the favourite to win the title. That honour has been bestowed on two other teenagers, Bonnie Gadusek, aged 19, also of the United States, and Andrea Temesvari, aged 17, of Hungary.

Miss Gadusek, a former Olympic-standard gymnast, who turned to tennis only after a nasty fall ended that career at the age of 12, found little resistance from the British No 1, Jo Durie, winning her quarter final match 6-2, 6-3 in three minutes short of an hour.

After losing her service at 2-3, Miss Durre, from Bristol, did not seem to believe that she had any chance of winning, baving lost on two previous occasions, to Miss Gadusek. Up to that sixth game Miss Durie played marvellous tennis serving beautifully and volleying extremely well.

However, Miss Durie's confi*dence wavered after that, and she* eventually collapsed as Miss Gadusek, the fourth seed, raised her game, delighting a small but noisy crowd with some astonishing returns when the points seemed lost.

Miss Gadusek, the protégé of Harry Hopman, will take on another American teenager, Kathleen Horvath, aged 17, who *achieved a surprise win over te top* seed, Virginia Ruzici, of Romania, on Thursday, in today's semi-final matches.

Miss Horvath, who recently spent four months away from the circuit with a back injury, defeated another unseeded player Christiane Jolissaint, of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-1.

SINGLES: Third round (US unless stated): D Horvath, bt V Ruzici (Rom) 7–5, 6–1; C Jolissaint (Swi) bt P Casale 6–3, 6–3; B Gadusek bt M Jausovec (Yug) 7–6, 5–7, 6–3; J Durie (GB) bt I Madruga-Osses, 6–2, 6–4; H Sukova (Cz) 6–2, 6–3; A Temesvari (Hun) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6–2, 6–0; L Arraya (Peru) bt Y Vermaak (SA) 6–4, 6–4; K Rinaldi bt I Budarova (Cz) 6–3, 6–1. Quarter-final round: Miss Gadusek bt Miss Durie 6–2, 6–3; Miss Horvath bt Miss Jolissaint 6–4, 6–1; Miss Temesvari bt Miss Sukova 6–4, 6–1; Miss Rinaldi bt Miss Arraya 4–6, 6–3, 6–2.

DOUBLES: Second round (US unless stated): J Durie and A Hobbs (GB) bt Y Brzakova and L Pichova (Cz) 6–0, 7–5; V Wade (GB) and V Ruzici (Rom) bt A Canapi (It) and S Villa-Verde (Arg) 6–4, 6–2.

● Lake Beuna Vista, Florida (AP) – Disneyworld are sponsoring a junior world tennis championship in September featuring 128 of the world's best players under 14 years

Qualifying tournaments are being held in more than 70 countries, including the Soviet Union.

McEnroe's fitness in doubt

From a Special Correspondent
Forest Hills

The fitness of John McEnroe is open to question and there are doubts of his being able to finish the Mercedes tournament of champions here. He pulled a thigh muscle in stretching for a high shot in a late night doubles match and according to the tournament doctor, *Irving* Glick, was only 75 per cent fit when going into his third round singles with the young Swede Jon Gunnarson.

Fortunately for McEnroe it was not a hard match and he coasted through 6-1, 6-2 for a place in the quarter-final round where he meets Tomas Smid, of Czechoslovakia. Smid is likely to be a tough opponent and McEnroe will be well tested.

Steve Parker, McEnroe's trainer, worked on him for about three hours before sending him on to court with his right thigh heavily strapped. Admitting that he was aware of the injury in the course of dismissing Gunnarson, McEnroe said: "I don't think he tested me that much. The leg is sore and with this strapping I find it easier to run than to walk. Hopefully it will get better rather than worse."

Conserving his energies McEnroe put a lot of weight into his service, delivered seven clean aces and dropped only 11 points on his service *altogether. This was all a* little too much for the Swede who became somewhat demoralised and looked lost when McEnroe realeased a series of drop shots to catch him out or position.

McEnroe has been experiencing a series of injuries recently and is already troubled by a sore shoulder. All this raises the question of whether he will be able to play in the French championships in two weeks time for the hard courts could aggravate injuries and he prefers to hold himself for the grass at Wimbledon.

McEnroe has always gone out to play irrespective of injuries when at times it would have been perhaps wiser not to have done so. At least he has the medical advice here.

THIRD ROUND: (US unless stated): J Kriek bt P Bastiansen (Den), 6-7 (7-9), 7-5, 6-1. G Vilas (Arg) bt M Dickson 7-6, 6-3. T Smid (Cz) bt S McCain 6-1, 6-1. R McNamee (Aus) bt J Anas 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. B Gilbert bt K Curren (SA) 6-4, 6-4. J McEnroe bt J Gunnarson (Swe) 6-1, 6-2.

● John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors are still unsure about taking part in the French Open at Roland Garros stadium from May 23 to June 5.

McEnroe, now playing in the WCT Tournament of Champions in New York, said his participation in a tournament that he has yet to win depended on his injured shoulder. He said the injury was not too bad at present, but he would wait at least another ten days before making a final decision.

Miss Walpole controls

Shelley Walpole, halted the run of the West German schoolgirl Steffie Graf, aged 13, in the women's singles quarter-final matches of the West Warwickshire hard court tournament at Solihull yesterday. Miss Walpole, from Surrey, won 6-2, 6-3, in a match interrupted for half an hour by rain. The British junior hard court champion never lost control after taking a 3-0 lead in the first set.

Miss Graf, the youngest player to gain a place on the world computer rankings, and who on Thursdays put out Britain's fifth ranked Debbie Jarrett, made too many unforced errors yesterday.

In the semi final round later Miss Walpole beat the Australian Nerida Gregory, woh came through with a 6-3, 6-1 victory against the world's third randed junior, Helena Olsson of Sweden. In the other semi final match, Marsh Bladel, of the United States, lost to the South African junior champion Rene Mentz.

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-final round: R Venter (SA) bt E Adams (US) 6–3, 4–6, 6–4; B Dyka (Aus) bt J McMurdy (Aus) 6–2, 4–6, 6–1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: K Moos (Neth) bt A Brown 5–7, 6–1, 6–1; N Gregory (Aus) bt A Almansa (Sp) 6–3, 6–4. H Olsson (Swe) bt R Elny 5–7, 6–4, 6–2. Quarter final round: S Walpole bt S Graf (WG) 6–2, 6–3; W Gregory (Aus) bt H Olsson (Swe) 6–3, 6–1; M Bladel (US) bt K Moos (Neth) 7–5, 6–3, R Mentz (SA) bt A Gabriel (Bel), 6–0, 6–3. Semi-final round: Miss Mentz bt Miss Bladel 6–2, 6–1, S Walpole bt N Gregory (Aus) 6–2, 6–4.

CYCLING

Sherwen to the fore

By John Wilcockson

Paul Sherwen, aged 26, from Cheshire, yesterday won the third stage and moved up to second place overall in the Dunkirk four-day race. It was the best win of his six years as a French-based professional and marks him down as a potential Tour de France stage winner later this year.

Sherwen is almost two minutes behind the new overall race leader, Leo Van Vliet, of the Netherlands. *Both* men figured in the winning break on the 178-kilometres stage from Denain to St Quentin. Another three stages, covering 384 kilometres, remain before the finish tomorrow.

LEUKERBAD: Tour de Romandie, third stage: 1, M Beccia (It), 5 hrs 14 min 7 sec; 2, P Anderson (Aus), 5 sec behind; 3, S Roche (Ire), same time; 4, R Visentini (It), 12 sec; 5, G Battaglin (It), same time. Overall: 1, Roche, 14:18.38; 2, Anderson, 1:03 behind; 3, Visentini, 1:25; 4, G Veldscholten (Neth), 1:37; 5, Battaglin, 1:47; 10, R Millar (GB), 2:16.

AVILA: Tour of Spain, 17th stage (232 km): 1, B Hinault (Fr), 5 hr 57 min 3 sec; 2, M Lejarreta (Sp), same time; 3, V Belda (Sp), same time. Overall: 1, Hinault.

GOLF



Ballesteros driving towards his round of 68 yesterday

Mason builds a case for ending sequence

From Mitchell Platts, Versailles

Carl Mason has flattered only to deceive on too many occasions to expect to win the £65,000 French Open. However, he demonstrated throughout the second round of 66 for the halfway lead on the La Boulie course here yesterday, that there need be no other reason why he should not end 10 years without a success on the European circuit. Mason has a 36-hole aggregate of 134, which is 10 under par, but the two players placing a little more pressure on his shoulders, only two strokes adrift, are Nick Faldo, (67) and Severiano Ballesteros (68).

Two weeks ago the sweet smell of success seemed unlikely to come Mason's way in this week's tournament, which is sponsored by Paco Rabanne. He had just taken two 78s in the Madrid Open and, on returning home, he withdrew from the Italian Open. It proved to be a good decision because Mason, who by his own admission frequently becomes too technical with his swing, was again struggling to find enjoyment in the game. He desperately needed to visit his guru, who happens to be his father Roy, the professional at the Goring and Streatley club in Berkshire.

Mason senior told his son to take one thought with him onto the golf course which was to keep his left shoulder high at address. The change in his attitude and his game has been nothing less than dramatic. Mason missed not a single green in his 66 and only once did he stray off the fairways.

The measure of his striking is best illustrated by his tee shots at two short holes. He struck a nine iron to nine inches from the hole at the seventh (177 yards) and a five iron to three feet at the thirteenth (197 yards). Mason enjoyed a stroke of good fortune at the sixteenth where a putt of fully 25 yards disappeared into the hole for one of his six birdies.

Ballesteros was swinging the club as if the game is just a walk in the park. However, he could not convert the chances he created into birdies with his putter. Five birdies in one round is never a bad haul but the US Masters' champion is in such fine fettle at the moment that one expects him to extract a birdie from every hole.

Faldo has acclimatized well following his return from the United *States on Monday. What trans*formed his round was a driver and a four iron to the heart of the green at the seventeenth (482 yards) and a putt of 12 feet for an eagle. He then reached the eighteenth (468 yards) with a driver and a one iron and two putted for a birdie.

Richard Boxall, the first round leader, put together another admirable round with a 71 to *finish* only four strokes behind Mason. Boxall, a former England international is in his first year as a professional but he showed real maturity to escape with a par at his penultimate hole. He had hit his second shot into the trees but he played the ball out low with a five iron, hit a wedge to to 15 feet and successfully holed to salvage his five.

SECOND ROUND LEADERS: (GB unless stated): 134: S Mason 68. 136: N Faldo 67, S Ballesteros (Sp) 68. 138: R Boxall 71. 139: T Sieckmann (US) 69. 140: J Cañizares (Sp) 68, D Frost (SA) 70, T Johnson (Zim) 69, B Waites 68, A Garrido (Sp) 70. 141: C Moody 69, F Harrison 69, H Henning (SA) 71.

Young German faces a most important round

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Barbara Helbig, aged 24, of Germany, faces the most important round of her life at Woburn today. *She has opened up a lead of three* strokes in the Ford Women's professional tournament and is poised to win the first prize of £3,000, which would almost double her earnings in four years as a professional golfer.

Miss Helbig scored a 76 yesterday, one over par on the 6,060 yards Duke's course, for a three-round total of 226, three strokes fewer than two determined Scottish pursuers, Catherine Panton (76 yesterday) and Dale Reid (77).

Marta Figueras-Dotti, Spanish winner of our Open last year as an amateur, has moved up menacingly into fourth place on 230. She was one of only three players to match par. The others included Jenny Lee Smith, last year's winner, who is progressively getting to grips with the course and who is still a challenger on 232, together with yet another Scot, Muriel Thomson (77 yesterday).

Miss Helbig's position had seemed anything byt secure as she set out with figures of 5, 6, 3, 5, 6 to lose four strokes to par. More significantly she lost three strokes to Miss Reid and dropped from one stroke ahead to two strokes behind

Club selection was difficult in a wind, playing fitfully through the abundance of trees at Woburn. Miss Helbig's six iron to the second (341 yards) was at least two clubs too many and from a bush beyond the green she took two more to reach the green. She was out in 39, three over par, but came sturdily home in 37, two under par with chip-and-put birdies on two long holes. The intervening fourth hole, also a par 5, should have yielded another stroke but she took three puts.

Three fours from the 13th brought Miss Figueras-Dotti into the reckoning, but Miss Panton failed at all three.

Leaders: 226: B Helbig (WG), 74, 76, 76; 229: D Reid, 76, 75, 78; C Panton, 73, 79, 77. 230: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 7, 82, 75. 323: M Thomson, 78, 77, 77, J Lee Smith, 80, 77, 78; 234: C Flom (US), 72, 80, 82; B Huke, 81, 79, 74; 235: J Forrest, 78, 79, 78; K Nonaghan (US), 77, 80, 78; 238: Joan Smith, 80, 78, 78, S Mackenzie (Aust), 81, 78, 78; V Marvin, 81, 80, 75; 238: K Ehmlund (Sw), 77, 80, 81. 240: M Walkers, 76, 86, 78. 241: D Dowling, 83, 78, 80; S Moon (US), 78, 80, 83.

HOCKEY

Slough are unmanned

By Sydney Friskin

Slough are having difficulty in gathering a strong force to defend the inter-league championship, sponsored by Truman, at Eastcote today and tomorrow. Wedding bells have been ringing for Bhaji Flora, which means that he and his brother Manjit will not be in the side. Other players may also be unavailable.

Paul Barber is committed to the England training weekend at *Bisham Abbey,* so Slough will miss his stability in defence and his power at short corners. They have won this title for the past three years and having been beaten by Neston in the national club final, are eager to hold what they have.

It would be intriguing to see another full scale battle between these two sides, *who are in opposite* groups. Slough, despite the dwindling of their resources, could overcome Swalwell, Trojans and Olton and West Warwickshire. Neston, with Westcliff, Isca and Fareham in opposition, have a more difficult task to reach the final.

Neston themselves are without one of their best forwards, Steve Greene, who is in the United States, and they have now lost Royce who has been called to Bisham Abbey for training with the England squad. But they have recovered Ashcroft, their goalkeeper, and Peters, a reliable full back, who were not available when they won the national club championship on April 17.

The Hockey Association have invited Charanjit Bhaura (Hounslow), Cattrall (Doncaster), Diamond (Beckenham), Richard Leman (East Grinstead), now recovered from injury, and Royce (Neston), and Richards (Bromley) to attend the training weekend.

New captain named

John Salvesen a Perthshire farmer has been nominated as the new captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews. Salvesen, aged 54, was elected a member of the club in 1956 and has helf many appointments on commettees. Recently he has been chairman of the championship committee. He will play himself into office at the *autumn* medal meeting over the old course, St Andrews.

FOOTBALL

Turning relegation mud into concrete reality

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent


Paisley: perfection peaked

An air of finality pervades today's programme. Two clubs will close their season at home floating amid officially recognised glory but many more are sunk so deep in the sediment that they might as well be playing in boots of concrete. Some will struggle for the last time to take them off.

The bouyant pair are Liverpool and Queen's Park Rangers. Jack Dunnett, the League president, will crown Liverpool as the first division champions for the 14th time before the game against Aston Villa, a fitting gesture to mark the end of Bob Paisley's appearances as the manager at Anfield.

Paisley's overall record will surely never be surpassed but his wish to bow out with a victory will be even keener after four successive defeats. Although Liverpool are again without Rush, they should grant it. No-one in the first division is less successful away than Villa, a weakness that may yet cost them a place in Europe.

Rangers will collect the second division trophy at Loftus Road, where they meet runners-up, Wolverhampton Wanderers. The third promotion place will probably not be claimed until next Saturday, since both Lynex and Lineker will not be at Oldham to help Leicester City gain the three points they need. Fulham, level on points but with an inferior goal difference, cannot afford to slip up at home to Carlisle.

Failure for Brighton would lead to a more unwelcome fate. If they lose to Manchester City, they would be assured of equalling Leicester's unusual achievement in 1969 of going up Wembley way to the FA Cup final and going down to the second division. Foster leads the side for the last time before his suspension and Ramsey is already banned.

City, with only two wins in their last 15 games, will not be going to the Goldstone ground to "shut up shop", according to their manager, John Benson, but the possible absences of Reeves and Kinsey may dictate different tactics. It would not be surprising if Brighton end the afternoon as the only relegation candidates to make any progress.

Swansea City, three points away from safety, visit Manchester United, unbeaten at Old Trafford. United are without Coppell, who may be fit for the Cup final, and Albiston, which solves a potentially awkward selection problem for Ron Atkinson. Grimes had threatened to ask for a transfer if he had been left out in favour of Muhren.

Birmingham City entertain a Tottenham Hotspur side that, since the return of the majestic Hoddle, have won their last four games and are now challenging for a place in next season's UEFA Cup. Birmingham will want to avoid having to settle their destiny next Saturday. They are at Southampton.

Coventry City's decline has been the most spectacular. In picking up a mere three points out of the last 39, they have fallen from fifth to 18th positon and lost their chairman, Jimmy Hill, as well. Iain Jamieson, his successor, who was introduced to the players yesterday, admitted that morale is at the lowest ebb.

Sunderland, who have not won at Highbury in their last nine attempts, may add to the congestion but that at the base of the second division is even beavier. Grimsby Town, for instance, visit the bottom club, Burnley, who are seven places below but could end up above them.

Three individuals are also likely to make their farewell appearances at home today. Petrovic is as unlikely to be retained by Arsenal as is Best, 37 in a fornight, by Bournemouth. Wile, who is to become Peterborough's player-manager, ends is carer at the Hawthorns but West Bromwich Albion's substiturt is expected to start his. He is Gary Robson, the younger brother of England's captain.

Leapfrog game in Scotland

Celtic and Dundee United both have chances today to step closer to the premier division championship in Scotland, while the leaders Aberdeen are left on the sidelines.

Aberdeen, who are permitted the luxury of a free Saturday to prepare for the European Cup Winners' Cup final next Wednesday, moved agead in the title race with a 5-0 defeat of Kilmarnock on Thursday night. Today the second-placed United and Celtic, the champions, can leapfrog Aberdeen once again by beating Motherwell and Morton respectively.

Dundee United are a point behind going into their penultimate game against Motherwell at Tannadice Park with Celtic a further point adrift. Dundee United and Celtic are level on goal difference, with 84 goals for and 34 goals against.

Gough, a defender, who is suspended, will be missing for United but McAlpine, the goalkeeper, yesterday passed a fitness test on a gashed thigh. Jock Wallace, the Motherwell manager, has given 10 players free transfers.

David Provaan, the Celtic winger, is very doubtful for the home clash with relegated Morton after treading on broken glass in training. Morton look to the future, playing Kyle, a young goalkeeper.

Stuart Kennedy, Aberdeen's most experienced player, has been included in a squad of 17 to travel to Gothenburg for the Cup Winners' Cup final against Real Madrid. Kennedy, who will be 30 on the last day of this month, was injured in Aberdeen's semi-final second match against Waterschei and on Tuesday Alex Ferguson, the Aberdeen manager, reluctantly ruled him out.

SQUAD: Leighton, Rougvie, McMaster, Bell, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Black, Weir, Cooper, Hewitt, Watson, Angus, Gunn, Kennedy.

Taxman's compromise keeps Stockport going

Stockport County have been thrown a lifeline by the taxman only four days before a high court hearing to close the club. In a dramatic eleventh hour reprieve, the inland revenue have agreed to accept half the £120,000 owed to them in unpaid paye. The debt had threatened to fold the club in their centenary season.

Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association secretary has agreed a compromise deal with an inland revenue enforcement officer to save the Edgeley Park playing staff from joining the dole queue.

● Maurice Evans, the Reading manager has been told by the Football League to plan for a separate team next season, despite the possibility of a merger with Oxford United. As clubs must inform players of future contract intentions by the end of May, Evans had sought guidance from the League.

● Peter Withe will be unavailable for England's British Championship matches and the tour to Australia next month.

The Aston Villa centre-forward had an exploratory operation yesterday on a knee problem.


Withe: out of England games

Trainer on the hop

Zurich, thrashed 5-1 by Grasshoppers Zurich in a Swiss Cup semi-final on Tuesday, have dismissed their Austrian-born trainer Max Merkel.

Thursday's results

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 5, Kilmarnock 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division: Hemel Hempstead 3, Egham Town 3; Windsor and Eton 8, Harwich and Parkeston 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton Athletic 0, Millwall 4.

HERTS SENIOR CUP: Final: Watford 1, Boreham Wood 0.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Feckwell Heath 3, Horley 2; Ruislip Manor 0, Edgware 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Coventry City 3; Newcastle United 0, Blackburn Rovers 0. Second division: Wigan Athletic 3, Sunderland 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead 3, Hyde United 2; Netherfield 1, Mossley 2.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Dagenham 3, Runcorn 1.

OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Final: Oxford City 5, Banbury United 0.

FRIENDLY: Walthamstow Avenue 1, Leytonstone/Ilford 0.

ROMANIAN LEAGUE: AFC Brasov 0, Universitatea Craiova 0; CS Targoviste 0, Politehnica Iasi 0; Steaua Bucharest 0, Gradea Bihor 0; Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 1, Petrolul Ploiesti 1; Politehnica Timisoara 1, Dinamo Bucharest 3; Asa Targu Mures 4, Jiul Petrosani 0; Corvinul Hunedoara 2, Constanta 1; Sportul Studentesc 1, SC Bacau 0; OLT 0, Arges Pitesti 1.

SOVIET LEAGUE: CSKA 0, Moscow Torpedo 0; Shakhtyor 1, Kairat 0; Dnepr 4, Ararat 0; Jalguiris 3, Metallist 2; Dinamo Minsk 0, Dinamo Kiev 0; Moscow Dinamo 0, Pachtakor 0; Nistru 0, Neftchi Baku 1; Chernomorets 4, Dinamo Tbilisi 1; Spartak 3, Zenit Leningrad 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Final, second leg: Everton 3, Norwich City 2 (Aggregate 5-5. Replay at Goodison Park on Monday).

IN BRIEF

Spencer sets a new track record

Freddie Spencer set a new track record yesterday at Hockenheim in practice for tomorrow's West German Grand Prix, Adrianne Blue writes. The American, on the works 500cc Honda, has won all three of the season's 500cc grands prix and leads the championship by 25 pts. His time of 2mins 8.66sec (189.89kph) does not go into the record book, as practice times remain unofficial.

However, it served as a spur to the former world champion Kenny Roberts, the chief Yamaha standard bearer, who is second in the championship standing. He finished the day in second position with laps of 2min 10.25sec (187.57kph).

His colleague, the newcomer Eddie Lawson, was third, with three Hondas bunched behind, though the works rider Ron Haslam of Britain who is tied with Roberts for second in the championship, lagged well in ninth place. Barry Sheene was sixteenth on his Suzuki.

GYMNASTICS: Maxi Gnauck, of East Germany, the favourite to win the women's European championship in Gothenburg this weekend, broke her elbow in training on the eve of the competition yesterday. Miss Gnauck, who won the title in Madrid in 1981, struck a fixed bar. The championships would have marked her return to top-level competition after a heel operation.

RUGBY UNION: The hooker John Raphael, who has captained England "B" and England under-23, has been elected captain of Northampton for next season. He takes over from Vince Cannon, and the England international tight head prop, Gary Pearce, has been appointed vice-captain.

VOLLEYBALL: Five countries will compete in Debrecen, Hungary, later this month for a place in the men's European championships in East Germany in the autumn. England, Denmark, France, Hungary and West Germany will be taking part in the qualifying group competition from May 18 to 22, with the top two teams going through to the championships.

PROGRAMME: May 18: West Germany v France, Hungary v Denmark; May 19: England v Hungary, Denmark v West Germany; May 20: West Germany v Hungary, England v Denmark; May 21: Hungary v France, England v West Germany; May 22: France v Hungary, Denmark v England.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 7, Minnesota Twins 5. NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 4, San Diego Padres 3; Atlanta Braves 8, Houston Astros 3.

GOLF

KUALA LUMPUR: Dunlop Masters, second round: [illegible]

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: [illegible]

[illegible]

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: [illegible]

HAPOEL GAMES

ARCHERY: [illegible] SHOOTING: [illegible] BASKETBALL: [illegible] CANOEING: [illegible]

RUGBY UNION: Tim Barnwell, the Leicester wing who suffered head injuries during last Saturday's John Player Cup Final at Twickenham, is reported to be making good progress at London's National Hospital.

CRICKET: Gloucestershire, who had expected to make a profit this year, now anticipate a loss of around £50,000. A profit had been forecast at the annual meeting in January. Since then, however, the club treasurer, Alec Vaughan, has resigned and been replaced.

BOXING

Chicken and chips on shoulders

Las Vegas (Reuter)–Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, decided not to disrupt his training programme to attend a press conference yesterday and his next opponent took the opportunity to make brave speeches.

The third-ranked Tim Witherspoon, a fellow American who challenges Holmes in a 12-round championship bout here on May 20, said: "Holmes's heart can't be very big. He sent his trainer down instead of coming himself. The reason he's not here is because he's like the stuff they're serving for lunch, chicken."

Witherspoon is relatively unknown, despite his ranking and a 15-0 record that includes 11 knockouts. "This fight is more serious than the press and the public believe", he said. "I'm for real. There's going to be a new champ. Holmes had better get used to lying on his back."

On the same bill is 15-round World Boxing Association heavyweight title bout between the champion, Michael Dokes, and the former title holder, Mike Weaver. Dokes won the title from Weaver last December, stopping him after 63 seconds of the first round.

"Mike was blessed that his career wasn't stopped that night" the undefeated Doles said. "I think the reveree saved his life. As for fighting him again so soon, to me there's no easier opponent than a man I knocked out in one minute. They're ain't no way an old man is going to beat me. He should be thinking about retiring and setting up a pension."

Weaver, aged 30, is six years older than Dokes. "I welcome the opportunity to get my title, back because I relly do miss it" he said. Also on the programme the first in which two heavyweight championships are at stake, is a 15-round WBA junior heavyweight title bout between the champion, Ossie Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, and the American Randy Stephens.

Bugner to tackle son of Frazier

From Robin Gregg
New York

Ten years ago Joe Bugner lost a 12-round decision to Smokin' Joe Frazier's knees buckled. In Atlantic City in June Bugner will get his chance to make some amends when he will be taking on Marvis, son of Smokin' Joe, in a contest that was arranged yesterday by the promoter, Robert Arum.

Surprising as it may seem, this will not be the first time that a heavyweight contender has fought both father and son. In 1936 Jersey Joe Walcott disposed of Phil Johnson in three rounds and it only required the same amount of time for him to knock out Harold, his son, in 1950.

In an effort to help his son in the forthcoming bout, Smokin' Joe has managed to obtain the official film of the 1973 contest. The June contest is likely to be televised by one of the networks.

Russians' challenge

Varna, Bulgaria (Reuter). – Alexandr Yagubkin, the world amateur heavyweight champion, heads a strong Soviet challenge at the twenty-fifth European amateur championships opening in this Black Sea resort today.

Yagubkin, who is also the European champion, will be accompanied by Yuri Alexandrov, the world bantamweight champion, as well as Vasily Shishov, European light-welterweight champion.

The Soviet Union were a surprise failure at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, winning only one title, but came back in emphatic style in the last European championships in Tampere, Finland, where they took eight of the 12 titles. They also won three golds in last year's world championships in Munich.

Inevitably, East European nations will be to the fore with West Germany probably the strongest of the other European countries. The West Germans have included the formidable Rocchigiana brothers.

Yagubkin will find a familiar opponent in Grzegorz Skrzecz, of Poland, whom he defeated twice on his way to his world and European titles. Skrzecz, bronze medallist in the world championships at Munich, is accompanied in Poland's 11-man team by Pawel, his brother, world silver medallist in the light-heavyweight division, and Krzysztof Kosedowski, featherweight European silver Medallist and Olympic bronze winner.

The Poles, with an eye to building up experience for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, have included seven newcomers.

RUGBY UNION

Park may meet their Waterloo

By David Hand
Rugby Correspondent

After the skill, commitment and drama of last week's John Player Cup final, Twickenham will throng with a more lighthearted crowd today when the finals of the Middlesex seven-a-side tournament bring the 1982-83 season to a close.

It has been a season that has brought great satisfaction to one of today's quest sides, Waterloo, who beat Askeans in their opening game. Fittingly their centenary year has been one of their most successful, bringing 32 victories and 978 points, over half of which have been scored by Maurice Cotter, the wing who plays in their team today. Cotter, a strongly built runner, has scored 492 points for his club and another 27 for Lancashire's B Team.

Waterloo have prepared hard for their first visit to the Middlesex tournament; they won the Birkenhead Park sevens, lost to Liverpool in the final of the Manchester event, then had their revenge the following day at the Caldy sevens. Among their victims at Manchester were Rosslyn Park, whom they meet if both sides are successful in their opening games.

The other quest team is that of Melrose and they will be accompanied on the long trip south by last year's winners, Stewart's-Melville FP. These two famous Scottish teams met in the first round of the Melrose centenary sevens last month, the event in which Stewart's-Melville lost in the final to an exciting French Barbarians team.

It has not been the best of seasons in the abbreviated game for Melrose but Stewart's-Melville could well repeat their 1982 success when they beat Richmond 34-12. They have the former British Lion, Douglas Morgan, snapping at their heels and the flying Andy Blackwood to run in tries. An indication of their well-being well be seen in their outing against Saracens, the last match of the opening round.

Richmond, themselves, have been the outstanding team of the last 10 years and have those two shrewd campaigners, Terry O'Hanlon and Ian Ray, in their side today. They play Exeter University in the opening match, which gives Simon Hogg the chance of a swift return to Twickenham. He was a centre in the Bristol side who won the John Player Cup last week; he played for Exeter University there in the final of the UAU championships in March and now appears in the green and white of Exeter once more.

DRAW: Exeter University v Richmond; London Scottish v Richmond II; London Irish v Rosslyn Park; Askeans v Waterloo; Blackheath v Melrose; London Welsh v Cheshunt; Harlequins v Wasps; Saracens v Stewart's-Melville.

MOTOR RACING

A Corsican monopoly for Lancia

Bastia, Corsica (AFP) – Lancia's midengined sports cars dominated the first stage of the 1,720km Tour of Corsica, the fifth round in the world championship, here yesterday, taking the first five places. First after 11 timed sections through the mountains was the Martini team car of Jean-Claude Andruet of France, a three-time previous winner, who had a 53 second advantage over his Finnish colleague, Markku Alen.

Lancia filled the next three places with Italy's Adartico Vudafieri, the 1982 world champion, Walter Rohrl of West Germany and, returning after a bad accident here last year, Attilio Bettega of Italy.

First driver behind the Lancias was the World Championship leader, Hannu Mikkola in the new lightweight Audi Quattro, who, after 658kms of high-speed driving, was over seven minutes behind the leader, in sixth place. Mikkola's Audi colleague, Michele Mouton of France, was ninth. She lost several minutes overnight because of difficulties with her headlights, and in the morning a problem with her front axle was making driving difficult, costing her further time.

The twisty tarmac roads of the Corsican event, which is nicknamed "the rally of 10,000 bends", suit the racing car characteristics of the Italian car, but future rounds of the world championship tend to be on loose surfaces which favour the four-wheel drive Quattro.

The rally was delayed by nearly an hour when the Renault 5 turbo of the 1980 winner, Jean-Luc Therier of France, caught fire and blocked the road. Tony Pond, of Britain, third in 1981, had a slow start in the only Nissan 240RS, and was lying twelfth.

LEADING STANDINGS: 1, J C Andruet (Fr) Lancia 4hr 53min 46sec; 2, M Alen (Fin) Lancia at [illegible]; 3, A Vudafieri (It) Lancia at 2min 11sec; 4, W Rohrl (WG) Lancia at 2:52; 5, A Bettega (It) Lancia at 6:13; 6, H Mikkola (Fin) Audi-Quattro at 7:16; 7, J Ragnotti (Fr) Renault 5 Turbo at 12:48; 8, P Tourun (Fr) Renault 5 Turbo at 13:04; 9, M Mouton (Fr) Audi-Quattro at 18:57; 10, J P Manzagol (Fr) Renault 5 Turbo at 24:18.

RACING: TEST FOR O'BRIEN DERBY HOPE


Home is the huntress: the Irish challenger, Give Thanks, wins from Cormorant Wood

Hills comes alive in defeat

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The Esal Bookmakers Oaks Trial at Lingfield yesterday was won most decisively by the Irish challenger, Give Thanks. Her victory proved costly for the sponsors, who laid her to win £98,000 in the morning.

As Give Thanks was never entered for the Oaks itself because it was felt that she would be totally unsuited to firm ground and the hill down to Tattenham Corner any bearing that yesterday's race had on the Epsom classic was minimal. However, in a roundabout way Cormorant Woods's good showing in second place must have encouraged her trainer, Barry Hills, to think that he has a leading hope for the classic in Nibabe, who is considered better.

Give Thanks will be kept in reserve for the Irish Oaks at the Curragh in July, but she will not be resting on her laurels just yet. On the contrary, her young trainer, Jim Bolger, is bent on cashing in on her fitness and good health by keeping her in this country and taking her to York on Tuesday in an attempt to win the Musidora Stakes as well.

Two years ago Bolger tried to pull off the same ambitious double. On that occasion Condessa could finish only third at Lingfield before coming up trumps at York. This, his latest venture has at least began better and it will take a good one to peg back Give Thanks at York in her present form.

Jeremy Tree and Pat Edery, two men currently riding a crest, continued their marvellous start to the season by winning the Wheelers Restaurant Stakes with Alakh, whose owner Monica Sheriffe derived such fun – not to mention profit – by racing that top-class sprinter, Sharpo, until he was five. Like Sharpo, who is now enjoying life as a stallion in his first season at stud, Alakh is by Sharpen Up and he too looks poised to give his owner yet more victories.

Brotherly love for Sangster

From Our Irish
Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Two years ago Robert Sangster owned a highly controversial but a very able miler in the shape of King's Lake, who after a successiion of official enquiries finished up with his name on the winners' list of the Irish 2000 Guineas. Now Mr Sangster appears to have found a potentially brilliant brother to King's Lake in Salmon Leap, who has happily avioded any controversy.

Salmon Leap ran once last year winning a maiden event at Leopardstown with great ease and although thought to be way short of his best, he still proved an adequate substitue for Lomond when the latter was withdrawn from the Tetrarch Stakes to wait for last Saturday's Newmarket 2000 Guineas. Salmon Leap drifted in the betting, but was never off the bit, winning by two and a half lenghts from Sir Prince John.

Even before Salmon Leap saw a race course Vincent O'Brien told me that he expected him to stay a good deal further than King's Lake. That notion will be at least partly put to the test at Leopardstown this afternoon when he essays 10 furlongs in the group two Nijinsky Stakes.

The opposition to Salmon Leap includes two other three-year-olds, Evening M'lord and Carlingford Castle, both of whom also won over this distance at the Curragh on Tetrarch day. Evening M'lord defeated Karol by a neck in the Rogers Gold Cup Ballymoss Stakes while Carlingford Castle ran away with a "winners of one" condition event.

Diamond Shoal should plunder Grand Prix

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent

Nine horses will line up for the 12-furlong Grand Prix d'Evry today for which my selection is the English-trained Diamond Shoal. David O'Brien has sent Karol from Ireland and the best of the French could be Alfred's Choice, Kelbomec and Ideal Point.

Diamond Shoal came to France to contest the Prix Maurice de Nieuil last July, but Ian Balding's colt had an off day and was unplaced behind All Along. That performance was soon forgotten as Diamond Shoal went on to be placed in the Bayerisches Zuchtrennen, the Great Voltigeur Stakes, St Leger, Preis von Europa and Washington DC International at Laurel Park. Diamond Shoal began this season with a comfortable win over Little Wolf in the John Porter Stakes prior to a fifth place behind Electric in the Jockey Club Stakes.

This form should be good enough in what is a slightly sub-standard Grand Prix. Alfred's Choice was thereabouts in the French classics last year and Ted Bartholomew has the colt in top condition. Kelbomec recently won the Prix Jean Prat and Marasali the Prix d'Hedouville. It is difficult to place Karol, but he did well to chase Evening M'Lord home in the Rogers Gold Cup Ballymoss Stakes.

The feature race at Longchamp tomorrow is the Prix Hocquart which should be won by the Baron Guy de Rothschild's Jeu de Paille. He defeated Pietra and Alluvia in the Prix Noailles and should have no difficulty in staying the extra one furlong of the Hocquart. Although inexperienced, Treasure Leaf is highly esteemed by Francois Boutin. Lester Piggott will be on board Nile Hawk, who will be running for the first time since winning the Prix de Conde last October. Esprit du Nord was third in the Prix Greffulhe and should again be placed.

Chellaston Park is my selection for the five-furlong Prix de Saint-Georges. She has been accompanied from England by Taribah and Sayf El Arab, who both lined up with Chellaston Park for last Satureday's Palace House Stakes at Newmarket. Taribah came out best that day, but the Saint-Georges weights point to Chellaston Park.

Kind Music is sure to run well. He ran third in both the William Hill Sprint Championship and Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp before winning the Prix du Petit Couvert. Stratosphere is an unknown quantity, but could be useful

English chance in Italian Derby

High Cannon ridden by John Lowe and Brogan (Pat Eddery) hold good each-way chances in the £44,728 Derby Italiano at the Capanelle, Rome tomorrow. Tintern Abbey (Cash Asmussen) has gained three successive wins in France and will be hard to beat. The eight localy-trained runners look moderate and the British hopes should be in the money.

What Lake (Bruce Raymond), second in the Primio Regina Elena last month, and Snatch and Run (Eddery) also have good chances in the £13,417 Premio Melton. Michael Jarvis, who trains Snatch and Run, should take the £11,181 Premio Nearco with Beldale Concorde, who will also be ridden by Eddery.

Lingfield results

Going: Heavy

2.30 (2.32) WHEELERS RESTAURANTS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,248: 6f)

ALAKH, ch c, by Sharpen Up – Gold Rupee (Miss M Sheriffe) 8-7 P Eddery (evens fav) 1
Maximator .... W Carson (5-2) 2
Golden Decoy .... W Ryan (12-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.80. Places: £1.20, £1.30. DF: £21.60. J Tree at Beckhampton. ½l, 2l. Tender Sovereign (16-1) 4th. 8 ran. 1m 16.07sec. NR: County Broker.

3.0 (3.21) ESAL STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £2,432: 5f)

VAN EYCK, ch c, by Dewan – Exclusive Secret (A Speelman) 9-0 ... G Starkey (8-1) 1
Rus Riot .... W Newnes (6-1) 2
Shades of Blue .... P Waldron (11-8 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £6.90. Places: £1.60, £1.00, £1.20. DF: £21.60. CSF: £48.54. G Harwood at Pulborough. 2l, nk. James Edward (50-1) 4th. 8 ran. 1m 06.16sec.

3.30 (3.32) ESAL BOOKMAKERS OAKS TRIAL STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o fillies: £16,114: 1m 4f)

GIVE THANKS, br f, by Relko – Parthica (Mrs O White) 9-0 ... D Gillespie (9-4 fav) 1
Cormorant Wood .... S Cauthen (6-1) 2
Hardihostess .... W R Swinburn (11-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.80. Places: £1.20, £3.40, £1.70. DF: £18.50. CSF: £18.48. J Bolger in Ireland. 5l, 7l. Emerald Reef (20-1) 4th. 12 ran. 2m 48.92sec.

4.0 (4.1) TENDER HEART HANDICAP (£2,204: 1m 4f)

NORTH BRITON, b c, by Northfields – Juliette Marny (W Gredley) 4-7-7 ... D McKay (8-1) 1
Canio .... A McGlone (12-1) 2
Janus .... B Rouse (11-4 Fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £9.30. Places: £2.50, £4.80, £1.50. DF: £165.40. CSF: £94.63. TRICAST: £300.23. C Brittain at Newmarket. 2l, 1½l. Al Nasr (12-1) 4th. 12 ran. 2m 50.59sec.

4.30 (4.33) GINEVRA STAKES (3-y-o: £1,505: 1m 4f)

HIGH HAWK, b f by Shirley Heights – Sunbittern (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-1 ... W Carson on (8-11 fav) 1
Spot The Patch .... L Piggott (9-4) 2
Sabhan .... M Miller (6-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.70. Places: £1.00, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.70. CSF: £2.83. J Dunlop at Arundel. ½l, 20l. Great Pretender (14-1) 4th. 11 ran. 2m 53.94 sec.

5.0 (5.3) SLEEPING PARTNER HANDICAP (selling: £1,547: 2m)

GETTING PLENTY, b g by Oats – Allander Girl (J Davies) 4-7-9 ... R Hills (8-1) 1
Xenia .... B Rouse (7-1) 2
Miss Saddler .... A McGlone (33-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.70. Places: £1.90, £1.80, £5.60. DF: £31.00. CSF: £64.65. TRICAST: £1,630.32. M Pipe at Wellington. ¾l, 10l. Flamo's Lady (9-2) 4th. Lady Ever-so Sure (7-2 fav) 20 ran. 3m 51.29 sec. NR: Colway Boy, no bid. TOTE DOUBLE: Give Thanks, High Hawk £5.65. TREBLE: Van Eyck, North Briton, Getting Plenty (Paid on 1st two legs only). PLACEPOT: £31.70. JACKPOT NOT WON.

● There will be a 7.30 am inspection today at Market Rasen. Further inspections are planned tomorrow, Pontefract (9 am) and Hexham (3 pm). Yesterday's Stratford meeting was lost

Today's point-to-points

Albrighton at Weston Park (2.0); Bedworth at Wetherby Racecourse (2.0); Devon and Somerset Stag Hounds at Holnicote (2.0); East Anglia Grand National Appeal at Horseheath (2.0); Fernie at Dingley (2.25); Llangeinor at St Mary Hill (2.30); Modbury Harriers at Flete Park (2.30); Surrey Union at Peper Harow (2.0); Teme Valley and United at Brampton Bryan (2.0); Vale of Aylesbury at Kingston Blount (4.30).

BLINKERS – FIRST TIME: Lingfield: 2.30 APPEAL To Me. Bath: 2.45 Balkan, 3.15 Pacific Sparkler, Clarendon. 4.45 Keep It Dark. Thirsk: 3.15 Norton Cross, 4.15 Gemlas.

STATE OF GOING: Thirsk: heavy. Market Rasen: heavy. Bath: soft. Lingfield: heavy.

SWIMMING

Russians bring Olympic gold winners

By Athole Still

Swimming of high quality is expected in a two-day international between Great Britain, Canada and the Soviet Union, which starts in Leeds tonight.

The Russian team will include three of their Olympic gold medallists, headed by Vladimir Salnikov, who has not been beaten in the 1,500 metres free-style since 1977 and is setting his sights on more titles in Los Angeles next year.

Great Britain, after their emphatic win over Netherlands, are strengthened by the return from training and competition in Canada and the United States of June Croft, Ann Osgerby, Stephen Poulter and Gaynor Stanley, the Wigan Wasps quartet, and Adrian Moorhouse, Andrew Astbury and Philip Hubble, the Commonwealth champions. Their clash with the Russians and the renewal of fierce Commonwealth rivalries should make for the most exciting match of the British season, both for spectators in Leeds and viewers of BBC television.

Britain can look to their women to dominate the free syle events, through June Croft, favourite for the 100 and 200 metres, and Jackie Wilmott, approaching her world class form in the 400 and 800, and considerably spurred by the fierce challenge of Sarah Hardcastle, her 14-year-old Redbridge clubmate, whose improving performances under Mike Higgs, her coach, have that glint of steel as well as gold.

In the men's match Salnikov should dominate the 400 and 1,500 metres freestyle, although he is not without substantial challenge from Sviatoslav Semenov, his teammate, the world championship silver medallist, specially over the shorter distance, as well as opposition from Andrew Astbury, of Leeds, the double Commonwealth champion, and Peter Szmidt, of Canada, former world record holder.

Another local boy returning to his home pool will be Moorhouse, Britain's most successful male swimmer, whose pursuit of Olympic honour has taken him to the United States and now back to Leeds. He should win the 100 metres breaststroke although, as ever, he can expect stern opposition from the Russians. Terry Dennison, his coach, who is in charge of the British team for the match, will be looking for improved starting and turning after the tense American short-course season, which Moorhouse has weathered successfully.

The Royal Ocean Racing Club has accepted challenges from 17 countries (including Britain) for the Admiral's Cup series which commences with a race in the Solent on July 27, John Nicholls writes.

Nominations for teams of three boats must be made by July 4. Britain are the holders of the trophy, last held in 1981, when 16 teams competed.

BOXING: The World Boxing Council (WBC) have said they will review a videotape of last Sunday's WBC world lightweight championship bout in Puerto Rico. They want to see whether the judges were correct to award Puerto Rico's Edwin Rosario a points decision over José Luis Ramirez, of Mexico.

GOLF: Hollis Stacy seeks her third consecutive victory at the Georgia tournament, sponsored by Lady Michelob. Amy Alcott, this year's leading money-winner, is trying to become the sixth woman to win one million dollars on the LPGA tour.

TABLE TENNIS

Great day for England

Tokyo (Agencies) – England had an impressive second day at the world championships in Tokyo yesterday, finishing the first round with all their players undefeated in the singles competitions. "I cannot recall, over the last six world championships, a better performance by our team", said the England captain, Peter Simpson.

In the men's singles, the England No 1, Desmond Douglas, who is seeded seven here, beat Guenther Mueller, of Austria, 21-14, 21-19, 21-13. This was his first match of the championships and he won it convincingly.

Other wins came from the former European champion, John Hilton, Douggie Johnson and Graham Sandley. The youngest England player here, Carl Prean, who, at the age of 15, is rated one of his country's best prospects for years, advanced to the second round with a 21-17, 17-21, 21-7, 21-12 win over Yoon Kil-Jung, of South Korea.

The quartet of English women, Joy Grundy, Karen Witt and the sisters, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger, equalled the achievement of the men and, remarkably, all of them came through their first round matches without conceding a game.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round (British results): S Bengtsson (Swe) beat M Thomas (Wales), 22-20, 21-3, 21-16; Carl Prean (Eng) beat Yoon Kil-Jung (S Kor), 21-17, 17-21, 21-7, 21-12; G Sandley (Eng) beat Manmeet Singh (India), 18-21, 10-21, 21-17, 24-22, 21-9; K Rodger (Scot) beat J Harkamp (Den), 16-21, 21-13, 17-21, 21-15, 21-16; M Maehara (Jap) beat R Yule (Scot), 21-12, 21-16, 21-15; D Johnson (Eng) beat S Eboh (Nig), 21-12, 15-21, 21-12, 21-11; John Hilton (Eng) beat F Sule (Nig), 21-17, 22-20, 21-14; D Douglas (Eng) beat G Mueller (Austria), 21-19, 21-19, 21-13; A Griffiths (Wales) beat B Griffiths (NZ), 21-14, 21-23, 21-15, 21-19; Lee Kin Kee (Mal) beat D Hannah (Scot), 14-21, 16-21, 21-14, 21-10, 21-18.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round (British results only): Cho Yong Ho and Hong Chol (N Kor) bt G Sandley and D Johnson (Eng) 21-16, 16-21, 21-15, 24-22.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round (British results): J Grundy (Eng) bt K Bogaerts (Bel), 21-12, 21-15, 22-20; K Witt (Eng) bt Indu Puri (India), 21-13, 21-17, 21-14; J Bellinger (Eng) bt P Vyoma (India), 21-14, 21-17, 21-17; Ni Xialian (China) bt E Forbes (Scot) 21-17, 21-6, 21-5; L Bellinger (Eng) bt A Pelikanova (Cz), 21-16, 21-14, 21-15.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round (British results): C Techandongms and S Mulat (Indo) bt E Forbes and C Dalrymple (Scot), 24-26, 21-15, 21-7, 19-21, 21-10; Shen Jianping and Dai Lili (China) bt K Witt and J Bellinger (Eng), 21-12, 21-14, 21-8; L Bellinger and J Grundy (Eng) bt D Fetzer and E Maier (Austria), 21-15, 21-13, 23-21.

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RACING: DERBY TRIAL AT LINGFIELD PARK

Teenoso's stamina should gain verdict in trial

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

When Henry Cecil dedided not to run any of his four entries in the Highland Spring Derby Trial at Lingfield Park this afternoon Lester Piggott, ever quick to spot an opportunity, rang up Jeremy Tree, for the ride on Society Boy knowing that Tree's own jockey, Pat Eddery, would be required to ride at Leopardstown in Ireland by Vincent O'Brien.

The champion jockey should certainly enjoy a good ride on Society Boy, who reproduced his two-year-old form at Goodwood with Zoffany almost to within an ounce at Newmarket last week when he finished fourth to Shearwalk, Dunbeath and Zoffany in the Heathorne Stakes. But, even allowing for the improvement that that race should have wrought, Society Boy still has two lengths and 6lb to make up on Shearwalk, who is unquestionably the form horse in today's field of 11.

Mr reason for opposing Shearwalk and going for Teenoso stems from a doubt about Shearwalk's ability to stay a mile and a half, which a study of his pedigree surely provokes. Indeed the situation reminds me of the same race last year when events proved that one was justified in opposing the favourite, Mr Fluorocarbon for the same reason and going for Jalmood.

Sheerwalk is by Godswalk and it is only reasonable to expect a clot by that top class sprinter to run out of stamina at some stage even though he is stoutly bred on his dam's side. As far as Teenoso is concerned there are no such flaws in his pedigree because he is by the French Derby winner, Youth, and out of Furioso, a Ballymoss mare who was runner-up to Polygamy in the Oaks.

Furthermore, Teenoso has won over a mile and a half already this spring and with the ground riding heavy the emphasis will be on stamina this afternoon. The ease with which Teenoso won that race had to be seen to be believed. True, it was condined to maidens, yet the way that he put eight lengths between himself and the rest over the last two furlongs indicated that he was a cut above average.

Geoff Wragg, his trainer, endorsed that impression immediately afterwards by saying that Teenoso would run next in the Chester Vase, which his father won five times. However, with Chester falling victim of the weather Teenoso has been rerouted to Lingfield.

Being a full brother to the St Leger and Coronation Cup winner, Bustino, Neorion is another who will relish today's distance although whether he is quite as good as his effort against Gordian in that falsely-run race at Sandown suggested is anyone's guess. Yawa is another who will be in his element now that he is going over a mile and a half, judged on the way that he tore home at Bath 12 days ago.

Today's race should help to tie up some of the many loose ends that still exist in the form as a result of a spring that has proved so difficult for experts. Onslow, Hungarian and Serheed were second, third and fourth, respectively, behind Zoffany in the Gerry Feilden Stakes at Newmarket in April. In theory they are held by Shearwalk and Society Boy.

No matter how he gets on in the big race Piggott should win the Midday Sun Stakes on Adonijah, who was not remotely hard pressed *to win his first race of* the season at Newbury. Seymour Hicks, who was runner up to him is obviously not without a good chance in the Holsten Diat Pils Maiden Stakes, but in this instance I prefer High Fandango who caught my eye when he finished *third to Socratic* at Newmarket.

Romoss best in Thirsk feature

By Michael Seely



Peter Easterby, trainer of Norton Cross

Romoss looks the likely winner of this afternoons *Thirsk Hunt Cup*. When the ground is riding heavy it generally pays to study the form of those at the foot of the handicap and Romoss, already twice a winner round the sharp bends of the Yorkshire course, appears to be reasonably treated.

Norton Cross is an interesting runner. Peter Easterby's grey gelding only ran once last season when unplaced behind Romoss at Beverley in May. But the five-year-od has shown more than creditable form over hurdles this spring. At Liverpool he chased home Burns in a competitive handicap and more recently finished fourth behind Royal Vulcan and Ekbalco in the Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr.

Jack Berry runs O I Oyston. This consistent gelding has developed stamina with age and showed that he now stays a mile well when beating Iowa by four lengths at Newcastle. Of the higher weighted division, Murillo, Steeple Bell and Christmas Cottage can all be given chances, but Norton Cross should be the chief danger to Romoss.

The best at Thirsk should be Change His Mind in the "Turn to *Yorkshire" Stake. When trained in* Ireland last season the distinguished himself by finishing runner-up to the subsequent 2,000 Guineas winner, Lomond, in a maiden race at the Curragh. Now with Charlie Nelson at Lambourn, Changed his Mind landed a considerable gamble at Edinburgh at the beginning of April, being backed down from 9-4 to 15-8 before sprinting home clear of Vindication.

Amateur rider races can often prove a pssspont to riches and the Sussex raider, Bahoor, should be hard to beat in the Haywards Pickles Stakes. Guy Harwood's three-year-old won a maiden race in good style at Doncaster before finishing second to Lochboisdale at *Nottingham. Yeled generally runs* well in this type of event

RUGBY LEAGUE

Goliath must defeat David

By Keith Macklin

By no stretch of the imagination or twisting of logic can Featherstone Rovers win the Challenge Cup, sponsored by Slalom Lager, at Wembley today. In a classic David v Goliath confrontation a team of local lads from a pit village, cast-offs and bargain buys, faces a team *bristling* with seasoned internationals and experienced trophy hunters, glutted with years of unbroken success.

Hull are champions of the Rugby League, are finalists and favourites to win the Premiership, and expect to win their second important trophy today in pursuit of a unique treble. Rovers have struggled thoughout the season in the bottom reaches of the first division and avoided relegation by just one point.

Hull have a squad of such strength and depth that they can nominate twenty players and ring the changes without weakening the side. Their reserves would walk into the senior sides of every other first divsion club. In Kemble, O'Hara *and Leuluai they have three brilliant* attacking New Zealand internationals. In Norton, Skerrett Evans, Topliss, Rose, Stone and Crooks, they have Great Britain internationals.

Against this array of talent Rovers can count on unlimited courage, team spirit and inconquerable optimism, plus the mercurial talents of Gilbert at centre threequarter, and Hudson at scrum half, both of whom were brought back from virtual retirement by Alan Agar, the new Featherstone coach.

Featherstoe have two forwards capable of holding their own in any company: Peter Smith, a Great Britain international against Austra*lia and France this season*, and Hobbs, the strong-running young second row forward, partner to Smith.

Hull will take them to Wembley upwards of 25,000 supporters from rugby-mad Humberside. Rovers will just about manage to muster around 9,000 if every rugby-supporting man, woman and child in the West Yorkshire cluster of colliery villages makes the trip.

Bob Ashby, chairman of Rovers, has had the *birght idea of* calling for al neutrals in the crowd to shout for the underdogs, especially Lancashire folk who might otherwise be tempted to mind their own business and let two Yorkshire sides get on with it.

Arthur Bunting, the Hull coach, is obviously trying hard not to succumb to the understandable temptation to be complacent. Underneath his eagerness to be fair to Agar and Featherstone the Hull coach *must* secretly feel, as some Hull supporters have sadi, that the team only has to turn up at Wembley to be presented with the Cup.

Bunting said yesterday: "Certainly, we are a better team now than we were a year ago when we won the cup by beating Widnes in a replay. In fact, this could well be the best side ever to represent Hull

Bunting added, however, that Featherstone had not been involved in the Premiership play-off and had been able to concentrate their minds and bodies in Wembley.

Rugy League officials are hoping that the attendance will top 80,000, since Featherstone's three previous appearances in the Final since 1960 have recorded attendances under that figure. The south of England and London have been the subject this week of a heavy publicity barrage in an attempt to persuade new-found enturiasts for the game to make the short trip to watch the great event in the rugby league calender.

It would be a pleasure and an achievement to be the only tipster in the game to vote for Featherstone and get it right. However, the head *must rule the heart. It must* be Hull's Cup yet again.

ATHLETICS

Gratifying athletes' yen for the money

By Pat Butcher

The Year of the Athlete begins appropriately in the Far East tomorrow. Dr Primo Nebiolo, president of the *International* Amateur Athletic Federation, has been using the term to promote the world championships in Helsinki in August but with the first permit meetings – allowing amateur *athletes to compete openly for* money – taking place in Japan and China, the title seems doubly apt.

After decades of "shamateurism", with clandestine payments to amateur athletes, the IAAF have instituted a system of legal payments for participation in 25 permit meetings this season. The first one takes place in Tokyo tomorrow, followed by a three-day meeting in Nanjing. But the innovation will only really be tested when the meetings *begin in* Europe next month, the first one being in Paris on June 24.

On the face of it, the IAAF have regained the power of veto for their national federations by taking over the *ad hoc* European circuit which has been providing a living for top athletes for many years. The governing body may also have saved a disintegrating system of supply and demand, suffering from inflated appearance money claims by some athletes' agents.

Promoters can still approach athletes individually but it is the national federation (for example the British Amateur Athletic Board for Coe, Ovett and company) who receive the participation money and put it into the athletes' trust fund. It is hoped that the wide interpretation put on rules for withdrawals will keep the athletes happy.

The IAAF have insisted that the athletes are still amateur and the International Olypic Committee have accepted that status. The cynical might reply that the loss of athletics would mean the loss of the Olympics but this incongruous solution is aimed at satisfying the Soviet Union and East Germany two of the top three athletics nations. Both countries were *unhappy* with the acceptance of trust funds, which in their view implies professionalism, and have indicated that their athletes will not compete in the permit meetings.

A season without arguments over money could well induce them to change their minds, but that is unlikely. The 25 permit meetings form an "A" circuit but there are up to 200 smallier meetings who do not qualify for a permit to pay participation money. The liklihood *is that they will continue* the clandestine system of payment for one or two star performers.

In order to get a permit the meetings must cater for women and field events, both of which for different reasons have risked getting squeezed out of athletics during the running boom. Even more important, there will be provision for drug testing, which should now occupy more of the administration's time.

There will be no British athletes at the relatively low-key Tokyo meeting tomorrow but the 29 foreigners from nine countries will cost the organizers about $20,000, excluding travel and accommodation. The organizers of the Paris meeting on June 24 are confident that Coe will be their star attraction and his world record rival and compatriot, Ovett, will run in Edinburgh two days later in the first of three permit meetings in Britain this season.

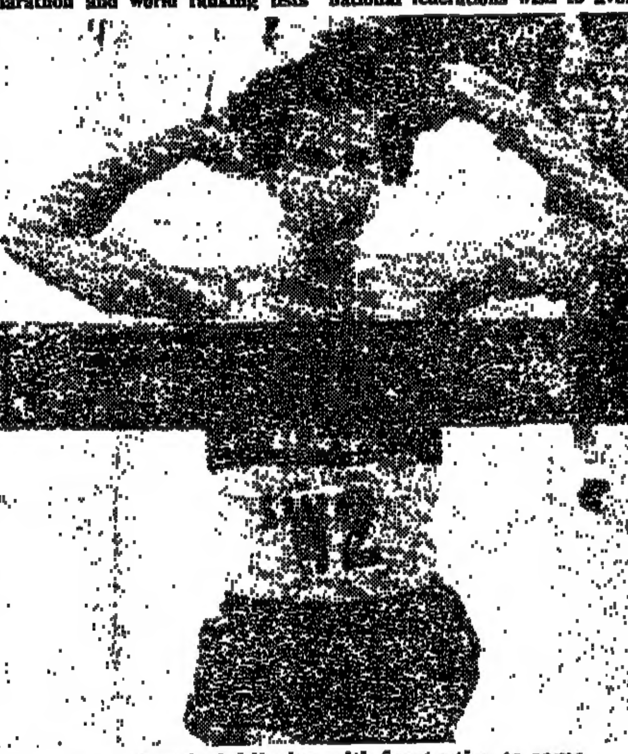
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Joan Benoit's superlative run in the Boston marathon three weeks ago *may not be accepted* as a women's world best of 2 hours 22 minutes 43 seconds because the course had been remeasured as 295 metres short (Pat Butcher writes). Miss Benoit's frustration will be compounded by knowing that the difference would not amount to more than one minute, which would still have given her a time considerably faster than the previous best of 2.25.49, shared by Allison Roe, of New Zealand, and Grete Waitz, of Norway, which the last named ran in the London marathon the day before ther Boston race.

There are no official worlds records for road racing because of differences in terrain but it is recognized that there equal out over the 42,195 metres *(26miles)* of the marathon and world ranking lists have much credence. But there have been several notable examples of short courses recently and perhaps the Boston mistake will make organizers take their course measurements more seriously.

The round of European city marathons continues in Amsterdam tomorrow but British interest is still *focused on last month's race in* neighbouring Rotterdam. John Graham, the Scottish international, was brought in at short notice to provide pace-making for the duel between Robert de Castella and Alberto Salazar. Graham, however, did not get permission from the BAAB

Participation money, which is to be introunced in track and field meetings tomorrow, was being paid, and Graham's going to a race abroad *without permission is what* the national federations wish to avoid.



Miss Benoit: jubilation with frustration to come

Lingfield Park

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.
Tote: Double 2.30, 3.30. Treble 2.0, 3.0, 4.0.
[*Television (BBC1) 1.30, 2.0 and races*]

1.30 HOLSTEIN DIAT PILS STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: £4,306: 7f 140yd) (20 runners)

101		ADMIRAL'S RULER (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-0	G Baxter	8
103	0-0	ALLIED KINGSWOOD (Allied Manufacturing) S Harris 9-0	–	18

2.0 MIRROR GROUP NEWSPAPERS HANDICAP (£3,869: 1m 2f) (9)

2.30 HIGHLAND SPRING DERBY TRIAL STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £18,224: 1m 4f) (11)

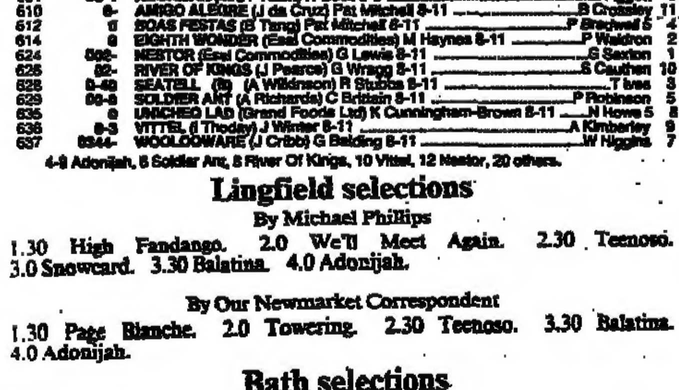
3.0 PARTHIA STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,685: 5f) (6)

3.30 YULYAR HANDICAP (£2,578: 5f) (16)

511	00/0-	TIBOUCHINA (A Hall) A Hide 4-8-0	–	9
512	0200-00	MANDRAKE BELLE (B) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-7-10	A Clark 3	15
513	00206-4	SHY MASTER (P Grimshaw) I Walker 4-7-9	B Crossley	6
514	000440-	RUSSIAN DEBONAIR (Miss T Ford) D Wilson 4-7-7	J Martin 7	11
515	0006-30	WINDY LAD (C) (T Tobin) S Matthews 4-7-7	R Fox	12
516	4000/0-	SHARP MELODY (B Weston) H Beasley 4-7-7	D Brown 7	1
517	00006-0	ANOTHER RUMBO (R Ellis) K Cunningham-Brown 5-7-7	–	4
518	0006-00	SITEX (D Ellison) M Bolton 5-7-7	M Hills 5	3
519	/0000-6	STEERS (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-7-7	R Lines 5	13

9-4 Singing Sailor, 11-4 Balatina, 9-2 Alev, 8 WB George, 10 Shy Master, 12 Central Carpets, Charles Street, 20 others.

4.0 MID-DAY SUN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,315: 1m 2f) (11)



601	33-1	ADONIJAH (Mrs F Allen) H Cecil 9-5	L Piggott	6
610	0-	AMIGO ALEGRE (J da Cruz) Pat Mitchell 8-11	B Crossley	11
612	0	BOAS FESTAS (B Tang) Pat Mitchell 8-11	P Bradwell 5	4
614	0	EIGHTH WONDER (Esal Commodities) M Haynes 8-11	P Waldron	2
624	000-	NESTOR (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 8-11	G Sexton	1
625	02-	RIVER OF KINGS (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-11	S Cauthen	10
628	0-40	SEATELL (B) (A Wilkinson) R Stubbs 8-11	T Ives	3
629	00-0	SOLDIER ANT (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	5
635	0	UNICHEG LAD (Grand Foods Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 8-11	N Howe 5	8
636	0-3	VITTEL (I Thoday) J Winter 8-11	A Kimberley	9
637	0344-	WOOLOOWARE (J Cribb) G Balding 8-11	W Higgins	7

4-9 Adonijah, 6 Soldier Ant, 8 River Of Kings, 10 Vittel, 12 Nestor, 20 others.

Lingfield selections

By Michael Phillips

1.30 High Fandango. 2.0 We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Teenoso. 3.0 Snowcard. 3.30 Balatina. 4.0 Adonijah.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Page Blanche. 2.0 Towering. 2.30 Teenoso. 3.30 Balatina. 4.0 Adonijah.

Bath selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Brown Taw. 2.45 Reggae. 3.15 Morgans Choice. 3.45 Raja Khan. 4.15 High Calory. 4.45 Before The Dawn.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Fred. 2.45 Petong. 3.15 Wonder Wood. 4.15 Miss Zhivago. 4.45 Shenton Way.

Thirsk selections

By Michael Seely

2.15 Airling. 2.45 Spring Cottage. 3.15 Romoss. 3.45 Bahoor. 4.15 Changed His Mind. 4.45 Autumn Sunset. 5.15 Willie Gan.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.45 Blow Your Mind. 3.15 Barooq. 3.45 Yeled. 4.15 Sovereign Pearl. 4.45 Autumn Sunset. 5.15 Bettabet Geraghty.

Bath

Draw advantage: low numbers best

2.15 FRANCASAL STAKES (2-y-o selling: £784: 5f) (13 runners)

1	0	ACER LAD D Wintle 8-11	R Street	3
2	0	DERBY ARMS R Smyth 8-11	B Raymond	8
3	0	D NOTICE C Wildman 8-11	D Dineley	4
4		FRED A Bailey 8-11	–	5
5		SOVEREIGN REEF B McMahon 8-11	–	12
7	0	BROWN TAW C Hill 8-8	W Newnes	6

2.45 CHAPEL FARM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,957: 5f 167yd) (11)

3.15 BOX HANDICAP (£2,484: 2m 1f 27yd) (22)

3.45 MONUMENT STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,620: 5f) (17)

3		CONMAYJO D H Jones 9-0	–	1
5	0	DISCOURSE B Swift 9-0	J Murray	5
10	22	KUNG FU MASTER C N Williams 9-0	B Taylor	13
11		MAFOO'S MANOR J Bethell 9-0	J Reid	17
13	00	MR ROCHESTER G Balding 9-0	D Dineley	15
14		MUSIC MY SON J Bradley 9-0	–	16
16	0	NATIVE RING I Balding 9-0	J Matthias	6
18		RAJA KHAN B Hills 9-0	–	11
22		SCORCHING D Elsworth 9-0	–	9
24		SIGNALMAN H Candy 9-0	W Newnes	10

4.15 MIDSOMMER NORTON HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £2,225: 1m 2f 50yd) (10)

4.45 WEST LITTLETON STAKES (3-y-o maidens: 1m 3f 150yd) (20)

Thirsk

Draw advantage: High numbers best.

2.15 MARKET PLACE STAKES (2-Y-O maidens: £1,658: 5f) (21 runners)

2.45 MAY STAKES (3-Y-O selling: £1,107: 1m 4f) (16)

3.15 THIRSK HUNT CUP HANDICAP (£5,956: 1m) (18)

3.45 HAYWARDS PICKLE STAKES (Amateur: £1,304: 1m 4f) (20)

4.15 TURN TO YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,878: 7f) (13)

4.45 MILLGATE STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: £1,524: 5f) (21)

5.15 BOLTBY APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,692: 6f) (25)



Market Rasen

2.15 AVELING-BARFORD HURDLE (selling: £579: 2m) (10 runners)

2	34-0	Royal Rascal 5-12-3	–
3	004	Adieu 5-11-10	P Scudamore
5	200	Alabama 5-11-10	M Brennan
6	420	Andy Lou 5-11-10	J O'Neill
10		Proclaimer 5-11-10	L Warr 7

32	200	Paddy's Peril 7-11-10	P Webber
35	00f	Royal And Rare 6-11-10	Mrs S French
41	0fp	Summer Cart 10-11-10	A Mennie 7
42	00/0	Super Car 10-11-10	–
45	3fp	Uncle Newby 11-11-10	M Darby 7
46	p0/0-	Volcanic Star 7-11-10	M Waggott 7
50	pp2	Newstead 5-11-6	A Fowler

1-2 Prince Rowan, 4 Mustapha, 7 Newstead, 10 Larry Mac.

2.45 GRANTHAM CHASE (Div I: amateur novices: £1,267: 2m 5f) (12)

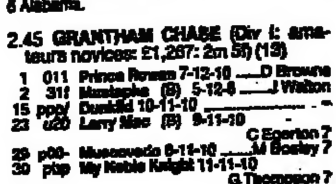
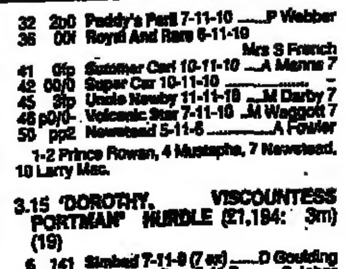
3.15 "DOROTHY, VISCOUNTESS PORTMAN" HURDLE (£1,184: 3m) (19)

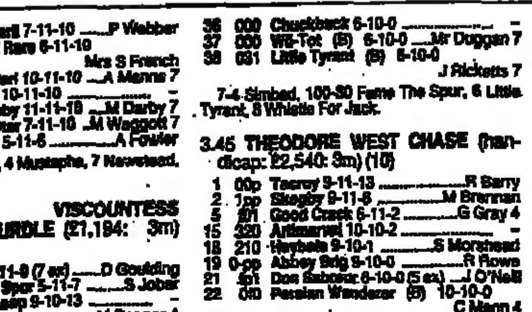
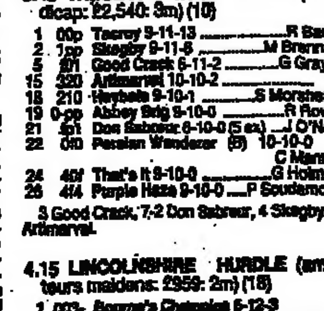
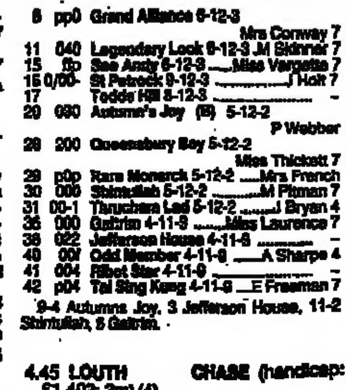
3.45 THEODORE WEST CHASE (handicap: £2,548: 3m) (10)

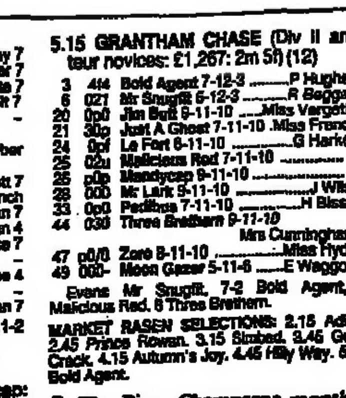
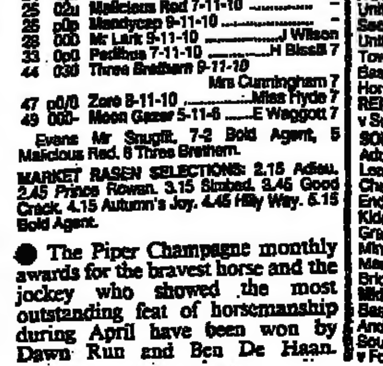
4.15 LINCOLNSHIRE HURDLE (amateurs maidens: £690: 2m) (18)

4.45 LOUTH CHASE (handicap: £1,402: 2m) (4)

5.15 GRANTHAM CHASE (Div II: amateur novices: £1,267: 2m 5f) (12)

The Piper Champagne monthly awards for the bravest horse and the jockey who showed the most outstanding feat of horsemanship during April have been won by Dawn Run and Ben De Haan.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Kick-off 3.00 unless stated

First division
Arsenal v Sunderland
Birmingham v Tottenham H
Brighton v Manchester City
Ipswich v Watford
Liverpool v Aston Villa
Luton v Everton
Manchester Utd v Swansea
Notts Forest v Norwich
Stoke v Coventry
West Bromwich v Southampton
West Ham Utd v Notts County

Second division
Barnsley v Charlton
Bolton v Chelsea
Burnley v Grimsby
Crystal Palace v Derby
Fulham v Carlisle
Middlesbrough v Cambridge Utd
Newcastle v Sheffield Wed
Oldham v Leicester
QPR v Wolverhampton
Rotherham v Blackburn
Shrewsbury v Leeds

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet v Bangor City; Barrow v Weymouth; Dagenham v Boston United; Frickley v Stafford Rangers; Maidstone v Scarborough; Northwich Victoria v Worcester; Runcorn v Enfield; Telford v Bath; Trowbridge v Kettering; Wealdstone v Altrincham.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Gateshead; Mossley v King's Lynn; Netherfield v Gainsborough.
F.A COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Final: Gloucestershire v London (at Gloucester City).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: Everton v Manchester United (2.0); Leeds United v Aston Villa; Sunderland v Oldham Athletic 2.0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v West Ham United (2.30); Leicester City v Chelsea; Southampton v Birmingham City; Swansea City v Arsenal; Tottenham Hotspur v Brighton and Hove Albion (2.0); Watford v *Crystal Palace*.
FRIENDLY: Leytonstone/Ilford v Wembley.
IRISH CUP: Final replay: Glentoran v Linfield (The Oval). LONDON SENIOR CUP: Final: Sutton United v Woking (at Dulwich Hamlet).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis Town v Tooting and Mitcham; Harrow Borough v Barking; Wokingham Town v Bishop's Stortford. First division: Chesham United v Boreham Wood; (at Chalfont St Peter); Cheshunt v St Albans City; Epsom and Ewell v Maidenhead United; Worthing v Harlow Town. Second division: Barton Rovers v Eastbourne United; Clapton v Letchworth G C; Dorking Town v Harwich and Parkinson; Finchley v Basildon United; Hemel Hempstead v Horsham; Tring Town v Hungerford Town.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Northern League v Scottish Junior FA (at Crook).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Addlestone and Weybridge v Dorchester; AP Leamington v Poole; Bedworth v Fareham; Chelmsford v Stourbridge; Corby v Hastings; Enderby v Dartford; Gosport v Alvechurch; Kidderminster v Witney; Waterlooville v Gravesend. Midland division: Banbury v Minehead; Cheltenham v Wellingborough; Merthyr Tydfil v Dudley; Redditch v Bridgwater; Willenhall v Milton Keynes. Midland division: Ashford v Tonbridge; Basingstoke v Woodford; Cambridge City v Andover; Dunstable v Fisher Athletic; RS Southampton v Erith and Belvedere; Salisbury v Folkestone; Thanet v Canterbury.

Third division
Bournemouth v Wigan Ath
Cardiff v Orient
Exeter v Doncaster
Gillingham v Bristol Rovers
Huddersfield v Newport
Oxford Utd v Chesterfield
Portsmouth v Southend
Preston v Reading
Sheffield Utd v Lincoln
Walsall v Bradford C
Wrexham v Plymouth

Fourth division
Aldershot v Halifax
Bristol City v Crewe
Hartlepool v Rochdale
Peterborough v Mansfield
Scunthorpe v Darlington
Torquay v Chester (7.30)
Tranmere v Bury (3.15)
Wimbledon v Blackpool
York City v Hereford

Steve Foster: Last game of a season prematurely ended by suspension – he leads Brighton against Manchester City, with both sides' first division futures at stake.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Cup Final: Frome v Plymouth (at Dawlish).
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Flackwell Heath v Edgware; Harefield v Hoddesdon; Kingsbury v Horley; Newbury v Whyteleafe. League Cup Final: Banstead v Chalfont St Peter (at Edgware)
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton Town v Guisborough Town; Emley v Skegness Town; Guiseley v Belper Town; Ilkeston Town v Bentley Victoria; Shepshed Charterhouse v Arnold; Thackley v Sutton Town; Winterton Rangers v Heanor Town.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Darwen v Rhyl; Formby v Glossop; Stalybridge Celtic v Accrington Stanley.
MANCHESTER FA PREMIER CUP: Final: Ashton Utd v Chadderton (at Curzon Ashton).

RUGBY LEAGUE
CUP FINAL: Featherstone Rovers v Hull (at Wembley).

HOCKEY
INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: at Eastcote HC, 10.30am.

Scottish premier division
Celtic v Morton
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Alloa v St Johnstone
Ayr v Raith Rovers
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Dunfermline v Falkirk
Hamilton v Clyde
Partick Thistle v Airdrie
Queen's Park v Clydebank

Scottish second division
Arbroath v Stenhousemuir
Brechin v Meadowbank
E Stirlingshire v East Fife
Forfar v Berwick
Montrose v Cowdenbeath
Queen of South v Albion Rovers
Stranraer v Stirling Albion

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BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
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TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex
THE OVAL: Worcestershire v Leicestershire
FENNERS: Combined Universities v Kent
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire, postponed. (match to be played on Monday).

RUGBY UNION
Middlesex sevens (at Twickenham, 12.40)

TOMORROW

Third division: Bradford City v Sheffield United; Millwall v Brentford.
FOURTH DIVISION: Swindon v Northampton.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Boston United (2.30); Northwich Victoria v Dagenham.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Notts Co v Oldham Athletic.
SUNDAY CUP: Final replay: Lee Chapel North (Basildon) v Eagle (Liverpool) (at Walthamstow Avenue).
WOMEN'S FA CUP: Final: St Helens v Doncaster Belles (at Lincoln).

HOCKEY
Inter-League Championship (Eastcote HC, 9.30).

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JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
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SCHOOLS: Allhallows v Free Foresters CC; Millfield v Downside; St Benedict's, Ealing v Douai; Sutton Coldfield v Bishop Vesey's GS.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Brighton Open Meeting (Withdean Stadium, Brighton), Brighton Open cross country races.
MOTOR RACING: Formula 3 championship, Round 8 (at Brands Hatch).

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BIRTHS

HAYWARD, on 3rd May to Katherine (nee Lane-Roberts) & Leonard, a son.

HUDSON. – On 30th April at Cuckfield to Fiona (nee Lanchester Smith) and Mark – a son, Thomas Mark Alexander.

OLISA, on April 14th, to Julia & Ken a second beautiful daughter, Auriol.

PEER. – on April 10, in Los Angeles, to Elizabeth (nee Wilson) and Ralph – a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, sister to Mary Megan.

SANGUINETTI. – On April 26th, in Kinshasa, Zaire, to Madeleine (nee Grandjean) and Christopher – a son (Philip Mark Allen), a brother for Natasha.

SAPIEHA – on April 23rd in London to Princess Cristina (nee d'Orleans Bourbon e Braganca) & Prince John Paul – a daughter (Paola Maria), a sister for Anna Teresa.

SICHEL on May 1st to Diana (nee Ferguson) and John, a daughter, Beatrice Elizabeth, a sister for Charlie.

STANTON. – On May 4th, 1983, in Los Angeles, to Lewis and Vicky (nee Patterson), a son Graham Roy.

STREET, on May 4 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Margaret (nee Addison) and Tim, a daughter (Eleanor Kate), a sister for Laura.

TAYLOR on April 26th, 1983 to Kate (nee Walsh) & Lee a son, Edward James Minton.

TURNBULL, on May 5th to Patricia (nee Pobjoy) John a son (Christopher John).

WALKER. – On Wednesday, 27 April, in Bristol, to Annie (nee Blevins) and Ronald – a daughter (Laurel Ann).

MARRIAGES

TYRER-NEWMAN. – On April 27 1983 at The Parish of St. Marys, Harefield, John Frederick to Carol Ann.

DEATHS

AYERST. – on 4th May, peacefully at home, Sylvia Grace Ayerst (nee Rawle), recently the Librarian of Wolverhampton Polytechnic. Very dearly loved wife of Gerald and mother of Hugh and Thomas.

BEAMISH – On 2nd May 1983, in hospital at Plymouth, after a short illness, Anthony Henry Hamilton Beamish, O.B.E., aged 66 years of Crossbark, Treknow, Tintagel, beloved brother of Helen and Richard, and friend of Colin. Funeral service 11.15am St. Philips Church, Weston Mill, Plymouth, on Tuesday 10th May, followed by cremation at Weston Mill Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to The World Wildlife Fund. Enquiries kindly telephone Westlake Funeral Service, Plymouth 362222.

BELL. – On May 3 1983, at the Portree Nursing Home, Edinburgh, peacefully in her sleep, Mary Irving Bell, aged 86 years, of 34 Moray Place, Edinburgh. Widow of John Bell and mother of Elspeth, Chute, Alison, Fox and John Spencer Bell. Funeral service at St. Andrews & St Georges Church, George St., Edinburgh on Thursday May 12 1983, at 2.30 pm followed by interment at Dean Cemetery. Family flowers only please, to W. T. Dunbar & Sons 116 Lothian Road, Edinburgh by 12 noon on that day.

BUTTLE.–On 3rd May, 1983, Professor Gladwin Albert Hurst Buttle, OBE, FRCP, born 11th April 1899, beloved husband of Eva. Formerly Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Army Medical Corps and Lieutenant Royal Engineers. Co-founder and for many years Chairman of The Buttle Trust. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium at 1 p.m. on Friday, 13th May. Arrangements for a memorial service will be announced later.

DAEPPEN.–On 5th May, 1983, peacefully, in a nursing home, Georgette Felicie Daeppen. Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, 9th May at 2 p.m. followed by interment. Enquiries and flowers to J. Kempster and Sons, Funeral Directors (0892 23131).

ETHOLEN. – On May 5, 1983, peacefully in his sleep, Alec Nicholas, beloved husband, and father of Marianne, Christina, Penelope and Carl.

FERGUSON. – On May 4, 1983, at Lampits House, Woodlands, Hampshire, Betty Gillian, courageous widow of George. Greatly loved mother of Ann (Duckworth) and Angus (deceased). Beloved grandmother. Service Netley Marsh, 2.30 pm, Wednesday, May 11.

GUILLUM SCOTT, Sir John, on 6 May at a nursing home, aged 72, husband of Elizabeth. Former Secretary General of the General Synod. Funeral on Wednesday 11 May at 12 noon at Chichester Cathedral. Cremation and interment private. Flowers to Edward White and Son, South Pallant, Chichester, or contributions to the Cathedral restoration fund.

HAINES. – April 19th, 1983. Commander E. N. Haines R.N., D.Sc. Dear husband of Angela and stepfather of Jennifer and John. In Majorca.

HUTCHINSON – on 28 April 1983 Richard Fitzgerald Hutchinson aged 15 years, at Oundle School, twin brother of Emma and dearly loved son of Judith and John. Funeral service at Chrishall Parish Church (near Royston) on Saturday 14 May at 2.30 pm followed by interment. Further enquiries to Messrs Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell, near Oundle, Peterborough. Telephone 0832 72269.

JILLETT. – On April 30, suddenly, Dr Raymond Leslie Jillett, of Stratford Road, Buckingham, aged 58 years. The beloved husband of Mary and father of Sally-Ann and Rosemary. Funeral service at St Peter and Paul, Buckingham, on Monday, May 9, at 2 pm, followed by private interment.

KIRKPATRICK. – On May 6th, peacefully, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Cecilia, daughter of the late Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, GCB, GCMG, and of Lady Kirkpatrick, sister of Peter, of Surrey. Requiem mass at St William of York Church, Send on Tuesday, 10th May, at 11.30 am. family flowers only.

LLOYD. – On May 4, 1983, Suddenly, John Timothy Alban, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.Path., of Nanty Coed, Old Ruthin Road, Denbigh. Beloved husband of Jean loved father of Patricia, Susan, Peter and Edward. Fond Taid of Thomas and father-in-law of John and Nan. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Denbigh, Tuesday, May 10, at 1.30 p.m. followed by Cremation at Colwyn Bay at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu kindly accepted towards the Royal Masonic Hospital, per Mr Wynn Rogers, the Hollies, Denbigh. Enquiries Denbigh 2061.

MAYNE – Cyril Frederick, OBE, FRCS, aged 93 years, dearly loved father of Betty Tricia and William, grandfather and great grandfather beloved husband of Lilian. Funeral at St. Jame's Church, Ewhurst Green, East Sussex, Wednesday 11 May, 1983, at 11.15 am. Flowers and enquiries to K. B. Stils Funeral Director, Cranbrook. 712284.

McNEILLY. – On May 5, suddenly, Wilfred Glassford, aged 62. Husband of Peggy and father of Colin, Johnny, Christopher, Duncan and Quentin. Cremation Eltham Crematorium, London SE9, May 12 at 2 pm.

MERTON. – On May 4th, 1983, peacefully in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Gerald Merton, M.C., PhD, F.R.A.S., of 17 Holywell Oxford, aged 90 years. Funeral on Tuesday, May 10th, 4.15, at Oxford Crematorium.

MILTON.–On May 1st, peacefully, in Suffolk, Doris May Leslie, aged 88, formerly of Seaford House, Littlehampton and Seaford Court, Malvern, widow of the late Captain E. S. R. Milton, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Colchester Crematorium on Monday, May 9th at 4 p.m. Family flowers only.

POTTER. – on 5th May 1983 peacefully after a long illness, patiently borne at Hays, Sedgehill, Wilts, Ruth Lady Potter, widow of Sir Henry Potter K.C.M.G. formerly of Penselwood, Somerset. Much loved mother of Nick & Cleo & grandmother of Serena, Nicoletta & Hugh. The funeral service takes place at Penselwood Church on Wednesday May 11th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Bracher Brothers, Gillingham, Dorset. Tel: 2494 very sincere thanks to all at Hays for their care & understanding.

STANLEY-SMITH – on 4th May at St Bernard's Hospital, Southall, Cyprian Joule Philip beloved brother of the late Evelyn, and of Mary Stanley-Smith. Funeral on Wednesday 11 May at 2.00 p.m. at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth Road, Hanworth. No flowers. Donations if desired to the Mental Health Foundation, 8 Hallam Street, London W1N 6BH.

TRENCH – On April 29th, suddenly, Cosby Patrick Musgrave of Sopwell Hall, Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary, dearly loved husband of Julia. The funeral took place at Ballingarry Church on May 2nd. Donations, if desired, to Irish Heart Foundation, 4 Clyde Road, Dublin. "Thy will be done"

WILLIAMS.–On Thursday, 5th May, 1983, peacefully, after a long illness, David, aged 73, husband of Sylvia and father of John, Hugh and Nigel. Funeral at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th May at Hendon Crematorium. Flowers to Kelly & Company, Funeral Directors, 4 Hendon Lane, Finchley N3.

WOODS – on May 4th, 1983, Alison Woods, widow of Professor D. D. Woods, of Oxford. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday, May 11th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only please.

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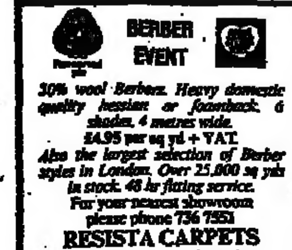
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Saturday

Television and radio programmes
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BBC 1

6.25 Open University (until 8.55) Potsdam; 6.50 Hotel Industry; 7.15 Data transmission; 7.40 Enzymes; 8.05 Promised Land; 8.30 Country folk story.

8.55 Edgar Kennedy: Home Canning*; 9.15 Get Set: In the nets with Ian Botham in a new competition. Plus Joboxers and the Phoenix Dance Group; 11.15 Film: I See Ice (1938*) George Formby as a photographer's assistant with a clever mini-camera. With Kay Walsh, Betty Stockfeld, Cyril Ritchard and Gary Marsh. Directed by Anthony Kimmins.

12.30 Grandstand. The line-up is: – 12.40 Football Focus; 1.05 News; 1.10 Swimming (Sun Life International, Great Britain v Canada v the Soviet Union); 1.25 Lingfield Racing; 1.35 Swimming (contd) and warm-up for today's Rugby League Cup Final (Hull v Featherstone Rovers); 1.55 Lingfield Racing.

2.10 Rugby League back to Wembley for another preview of the day's big match; 2.20 Lingfield Racing (Highland Spring Derby Trial Stakes); 2.40 Rugby League: The Cup Final itself; 3.50 Back to the big match at Wembley; 4.40 Final Scores.

5.10 Mickey and Donald: Disney cartoons; 5.35 News; 5.45 Sport.

5.50 The Dukes of Hazzard: Two escaped convicts rob Uncle Jesse, and his farming life is now in the balance.

6.35 Pop Quiz: Jack Burns and Dave Edmunds captain the two teams consisting of John Deacon, Martin Kemp, Maggie Bell and Martin Chambers. With Mike Read as MC.

7.05 Film: Cave In! (1979) Disaster movie, with an awful fate awaiting a group of people trapped underground with a killer on the loose. The cast includes Susan Sullivan, Ray Milland and Dennis Cole.

8.40 The Val Doonican Music Show: The special guests are Cleo Laine and the French pianists Katia and Marielle Labeque. With a viewers' request spot and Ray Charles and the Singers.

9.25 News: and sports round-up.

9.40 Dynasty: Fallon refuses to see her new-born son who is very ill; Jeff has fallen in love with Claudia, and there is bad news from South America.

10.30 Fanny by Gaslight: Part 1 of this four-part adaptation of Michael Sadleir's full-blooded tale set in Victorian days, and starring Chloe Salaman as the girl whose outwardly respectable father secretly keeps a house of ill repute. Also starring Anthony Bate, Michael Culver and Stephen Yardley. The adaptation is by Anthony Steven (r).

11.25 Film: The Boston Strangler (1968) Grim murder yarn, set in the 1960's with Tony Curtis as the man who confesses to murdering 15 women, plus committing 2,000 rapes and assaults. Co-starring Henry Fonda, as the assistant attorney-general, and George Kennedy. Directed by Richard Fleischer. Ends at 1.15 am.

TV-am

6.00 Daybreak, followed by 7.00 by Good Morning Britain and at 8.40 by Data Run, the programme for the youngsters. Items include news at 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 8.00 and 8.30, Sport at 6.38 and 7.30; leisure guide at 7.15; Michael Parkinson's interview at 8.07, and Jackie Genova's Aerobics at 8.32. The Data Run guest is comedian Jim Davidson. Ends at 9.15.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 Sesame Street: with The Muppets; 10.30 Number 73: New children's show from TVS, with comedy, roller hockey, books and music.

12.15 World of Sport. The line up is: –12.20 Ten Pin Bowling (Firestone Tournament of Champions) from Ohio; 12.45 On the Ball (European Cup Winners Cup preview); 1.15 News.

1.20 Diving: World Cup, from Woodlands, Texas, Britain's Chris Snode takes part; 1.45 Ice Hockey (Stanley Cup, from the US); 2.15 Bowls (CIS Insurance Champions Challenge, from Norfolk); 2.45 Speedway: (England v US, at Ipswich); 3.15 Bowls (continued); 3.40 Steve Davis (continued); 3.45 Half-time Scores.

4.00 Wrestling: two bouts from Colne (includes the British Lightweight Championship); 4.45 Results service.

5.05 News from ITN. 5.15 The Smurfs; 5.30 Metal Mickey: the robot is involved in a kidnapping plot. Granny (Irene Handl) is seized, too (r).

6.00 The Fall Guy: Murder, bribery and trickery within the walls of a petroleum company. With Lee Majors.

7.00 Russ Abbot's Madhouse: Comedy and music with Susie Blake, Les Dennis and Bella Emberg in a frantically active cast.

7.35 3-2-1: Games, comedy and music show, compered by Ted Rogers. With Marian Montgomery among the guests. The theme tonight is: Music, Music, Music.

8.35 T J Hooker: Crime drama in which the eponymous police officer (William Shatner) is accused of shooting an unarmed teenager.

9.30 Tales of the Unexpected: Heir Presumptuous. A wealthy man is murdered and his twin nephews (both played by David Cassidy) are suspected.

10.00 News from ITN.

10.15 The Big Match: Highlights from three of today's League games.

11.15 London news. Followed by:– Paisley: A Champion's Farewell. A documentary about Bob Paisley, Liverpool manager, who retires at the end of the season after 44 years at Anfield. Rival Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough presents the programme about a man he calls "a wily old fow."

12.00 Darts: Third match in the Joshua Tetley Dartsathon, with John Lowe playing Bobby George; 12.30 Close.

Bob Paisley (left) and Brian Clough in Paisley: A Champion's Farewell (ITV, 11.15pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 3.10).

3.10 Film: My Learned Friend (1943) Will Hay's last film – a black comedy, with Hay as an ex-barrister on a former convict's revenge list. With Claude Hulbert.

4.20 Film: Hook, Line and Sinker (1968) Comedy with Jerry Lewis as the man who receives the wrong information that he has not long to live. With Peter Lawford and Anne Francis.

5.50 Grand Slam: The US and the United Kingdom are now neck-and-neck in this grand bridge tournament. Commentary by Jeremy Flint, of The Times.

6.15 States of Mind: Clifford Geertz, Professor of Social Science at Princeton, tells Jonathan Miller what he has discovered about magical rites in Indonesia and Morocco.

7.05 L for Lester: Another chance to see this comedy series starring Brian Murphy as the owner of a driving school in the West Country. Co-starring Hilda Braid, James Cossins, Amanda Barrie and Richard Vernon (r).

7.35 News. And sports round-up.

7.50 Brahms: A German Requiem. André Previn conducts the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in a performance of this great work. With Barbara Hendricks (soprano), Ryan Edwards (baritone) and the Mendelssohn Choir.

9.10 Roger Doesn't Live Here Any More: For the first time since his divorce, Roger (Jonathan Pryce) has legal access to his children. With Kate Fahy as his girl-friend (r).

9.40 Rugby Special: The Middlesex Sevens, at Twickenham. Stewart's Melville defend their title.

10.40 News: with Jan Leeming.

10.45 Film International: Shin Heike Monogatari (1954) Spectacular Japanese film, set in the 12th century, about two rival courts threatened by the rise of a young samurai who plans to overthrow both of them. This was the first colour film to be directed by the great Japanese film-maker Kenji Mizoguchi. Starring Raizo Ichikawa and Yoshiko Kuga. With English sub-titles. Ends at 12.30am.

CHANNEL 4

2.20 Power Play: The subject is police accountability, and a studio "council" debates the topic of riot control duties and the financial cost involved.

2.45 Film: To Be or Not to Be (1942*) Sharply written comedy with Jack Benny and Carole Lombard (her last screen role) as actors caught up in a real-life espionage drama in Poland under the Nazi jackboot. Co-starring Robert Stack. Director: Ernst Lubitsch.

4.35 Password: Julia McKenzie and Martin Jarvis are the guest celebrities in this word game semi-final.

5.05 Brookside: Omnibus edition (r).

6.00 Square Pegs: American high school comedy. Tonight, it has a girls football theme.

6.30 News. Followed by 7 Days: with Hélène Hayman and Michael Charlton.

7.00 A Week in Politics: with Anthony King. With Vernon Bogdanor, Lord Beloff, Harriet Harman, and Tory MP Stephen Dorrell talk about Manifestos.

7.45 Swindle!: Concluding the three-part documentary about the looting in the 1970s by Robert Vesco of several hundred million dollars from the Swiss-based Investors Overseas Services. Tonight: the wanderings of Vesco, the fugitive, who bankrolled the Watergate break-in.

8.45 World of Animation: Another of Richard Evans's cartoon compilations.

8.55 Malu-A Woman Now: Brazilian-made drama serial. Malu (Regina Duarte) begins to learn how to cope with her loneliness.

10.00 Bouquet of Barbed Wire: At the end of a tense birthday, Prue (Susan Penhaligon) blurts out the truth about her father's affair. With Frank Findlay (r).

11.00 The Late Clive James: His guests are Michael Parkinson, Jean Rook, Clive Jenkins.

11.50 Naked City: American-made crime drama series with Walter Matthau in a guest celebrity role. It is the tale of some diamond robbers who, it appears, are stealing plastic replicas. Starring Paul Burke as Lieut Adam Flint. Ends at 12.40 (r).

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective. Religious affairs. 6.55 Weather: Travel
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 In Perspective.
7.50 It's a Bargain. 7.55 Weather; Travel: Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway. Holiday and travel
9.50 News stand. Review of weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week.†
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 Money Box.
12.27 The News Quiz (new series). The last seven days put in a questionable way. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty-Minute Theatre* "A Member of the Family" by Myles Rudge.
2.35 But, Chancellor: An Inquiry into the Treasury.
3.05 Wildlife.
3.30 Groundswell. Environmental issues.
4.00 News.
4.02 International Assignment.
4.30 Does he take Sugar? Magazine for diabled listeners and their families. 5.00 So You Want to be a Writer.
5.25 Week Ending* A satirical review of the week's news. 5.50 Shipping forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News: Sports Round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs. Actor Arthur English†.
7.20 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson†.
8.00 Richard Baker with records.†
8.30 Play: The Bohemians, by David Nathan. With Clive Francis.
10.00 News.
10.15 The Plant Hunters (new series) Three programmes looking at the perils and pleasures of plant hunting.
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness.
11.20 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. †
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade (T) Britten and Berkeley, Berkeley, Poulenc, Poulenc orch. Berkeley: records.
9.00 News.
9.05 Record review.
10.15 Stereo Release. New records: Britten, Franck, Francaix: records.
11.25 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Weber, Brahms.
12.15 Interval Reading.
12.20 Shostakovich.
1.00 News.
1.05 Music from the German Baroque. Schurmann, Muffat, Telemann, Kuhnau.
2.00 Neilsen (new series) First of 16 programmes of his music introduced by Robert Simpson.
3.00 Piano Quartets R. W. Wood, Bahms.
4.00 BBC Philarmonic Orchestra Dvorak, Rachmaninov.
5.00 Jazz Record Requests.
5.45 Critics Forum.
6.35 The Organ Music of Georg Bohm (new series).
7.20 A Sense of Proportion. Talk by Alexander Goehr.
7.40 Brahms. Piano music on record.
8.15 Poetry Cambridge. A report on the 1983 Cambridge Poetry Festival.
9.15 William Walton. String Quartet.
9.50 The English Concert. Vivaldi, Telemann, C.P.E. Bach.
10.45 The English Madrigal. William Byrd.
11.15 News.
11.45 Russian Orthodox Easter Vigil from the Russian Orthodox Church in Ennismore Gardens, London to 3.30am
VHF ONLY Open University: 6.55 am Schooling and Society. 7.15 Repetition in Music. 7.35-7.55 Rutherford and the Atom. 11.20-11.40 pm Waiting for the Big One.

Radio 2

5.00 Tony Brandon†. 8.02 Racing Desk. 8.05 David Jacobs†. 10.00 Sounds of the 60s†. 11.00 Album Time† including 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00 The news Huddlines with Roy Hudd. 1.30 Sport on 2: Rugby: The State Express Challenge Cup Final – Hull v Featherstone Rovers. Racing from Lingfield Park: 2.15 Mirror Group Newspapers Stakes. 3.0 Highland Spring Derby Trial Stakes. Football: Second-half commentary on one of today's games; plus news and results from others. 5.00 Sports report. 6.00 Country Greats in Concert. 7.00 Jazz Score. 7.28 Cricket Desk. 7.30 Big Band Special The Radio Big Band†. 8.00 The Young London Ballet from the Royal Festival Hall, London. 9.00 Sir Geraint Evans' Farewell Concert, highlights †. 10.00 Saturday Rendezvous (new series) Sounds Sweet and Swinging †. 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.10 Pete Murray's Late Show† including 12.05 Sports Desk. 2.00-5.00 Bill Rennells presents You and The Night And The Music †.

Radio 1

6.00 Wake up to the Weekend with Adrian John. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Guitar Greats: Eric Clapton†. 2.00 A King in New York with Jonathan King†. 2.05 Paul Gambaccini †. 4.00 Saturday Live †. 6.30 In Concert featuring Climax Blues Band †. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00 Gary Davies. 12.00 Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 With Radio 2. 1.00 With Radio 1. 7.30-5.00a, With Radio 2.

World Service

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Album Time. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 From the Weeklies. 7.30 Classical Record Review. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Chanson. 8.30 Brain of Britain 1983. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 People and Politics. 10.15 What's New. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Network UK. 1.30 Strictly Instrumental. 2.00 Saturday Special. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Good Books. 8.30 Wagner in London. 9.15 The Brotherhood of Brass. 9.30 People and Politics. 10.00 World News. 10.09 From our own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week. 1.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Short Story. 2.30 Sports Review. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 From our own Correspondent. 3.30 My Word! 4.45 Financial Review. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Review of the British Press. 5.15 Letterbox. 5.45 Letter from America.
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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1
BBC Wales 5.45-5.50pm Sports News Wales. 1.15am Weather for Wales. Close. Scotland 5.45-5.50pm Scoreboard. 1.15am Weather for Scotland. Close. Northern Ireland 5.45-5.50pm Northern Ireland News and Sport. 1.15am Northern Ireland news headlines and weather. Close. England 5.45-5.50pm London and the South-East: Sport. South-West (Plymouth): Spotlight Sport. All other English regions: Sport/Regional News. 1.20am Close.

S4C
Starts 2.10pm Staging An Opera. 2.35 Kill Or Cure. 3.15 What A Picture. 3.40 As Good As New. 4.05 Raffaela Carra in London. 5.00 Yr Awr Fawr. 6.00 Switch. 7.00 Twyllo'r Teulu. 7.30 Newyddion Saith. 7.45 Antur: Darganfod Everest. 8.15 Cerdd O'r Cewrydd: Harlech. 8.45 Capstick Capers. 9.15 Arolwg. 9.45 SWALK. 10.15 Film: Secret Life of Walter Mitty (Danny Kaye). James Thurber's story of a mother's boy lost in a fantasy world. 12.10am Door Without a Key. 12.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts: 12-15 pm World of Sport. 5.15 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.30 Happy Days. 6.00-7.00 Falcon Crest. 12.00 Randy Edelman Live. 12.30 am Closedown.

TSW
As London except: Starts: 9.25 am Look and See. 9.30 Saturday Show. 10.28 Gus Honeybun. 10.30 Star Fleet. 10.59 Fugitive. 11.40 Brady Bunch. 12.12 pm-12.15 News. 5.15 Newsport. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.30 Happy Days. 6.00-7.00 Falcon Crest. 12.00 Randy Edelman Live. 12.30 am Postscript. 12.35 Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.35am God's Story. 9.50 European Fold Tales. 10-05-10.30 Metal Mickey. 5.15-7.00pm Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees. 10.15 Match of the Week. 11.15 Studio: 12.15am At the end of the Day. Closedown.

SCOTTISH
As London except: Starts 9.35am Wattoo Wattoo 9.40 The Smurfs 10.05-10.30 Metal Mickey 5.15-7.00pm Film: Please Sir. (John Alderton), Comedy, Fenn Street scholars are put out to grass. 10.20-11.15 Scotsport 12.05am Late Call 12.10 Two of Us. 12.40 Closedown.

HTV WEST
As London except: Starts: 9.40 am Flintstones. 10.05-10.30 Star Fleet. 5.15 pm-7.00 Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees. 12.00 Closedown. HTV WALES: No variation.

TYNE TEES
As London except: Starts: 9.25 am Morning Glory. 9.30 Fantastic Four. 10.00 TT Time. 10.05-10.30 Metal Mickey. 5.15 pm-7.00 Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (Walter Pidgeon). Submarine's captain has the daunting task of saving the world from destruction. 10.20 Shoot! 11.20 Film: Murder on the Midnight Express. 12.40 am Poet's Corner. 12.45 Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: 10.50 Metal Mickey. 5.13 Ulster News. 5.15 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 10.14 Ulster weather. 12.00 Sports results. 12.05 News at Bedtime.

TVS
As London except: Starts 9.35am The Smurfs 10.05-10.30 Metal Mickey 5.15pm News and Sport 5.20 Cartoon 5.30 Knight Rider 6.30-7.00 Rising Damp 10.15 Saturday Match 11.15 Studio. 12.15am Company; Closedown

CENTRAL
As London except: Starts 9.35am God's Story 9.50 Larry the Lamb 10.05-10.30 Vicky the Viking 5.15pm-7.00 Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees 10.15-11.15 Star Soccer 12.00 Closedown

GRANADA
As London except: Starts 9.35am God's Story 9.50 Cartoon 10.05-10.30 Vicky and Viking 5.15-7.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees 10.20-11.15 Match Time 12.00 Film: All Coppers Are . . . (Julia Foster) Cop and a robber meet at a wedding 1.35am Closedown

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.35am God's Story. 9.50 Noddy. 10.05-10.30 Metal Mickey. 5.15-7.00pm Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees. 10.15-11.15 Scotsport. 12.00 Reflections. 12.05am Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.40am Adventures of Gulliver. 10.05-10.30 Metal Mickey. 5.15-7.00pm Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees. 11.55 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.30am Melotoons 9.40-10.30 Tarzan 5.15pm-7.00 Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. As Tyne Tees 10.20-11.15 Match Time 12.00 Profiles In Rock: Van Halen 12.35am Closedown

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Sunday

BBC 1

6.25 Open University (until 8.55). Music; 6.50 Microfossils; 7.15 Computing; 7.40 Einstein's Belief; 8.05 Marking Time; 8.30 Chemistry.

9.00 Pigeon Street (r); 9.15 Knock Knock: David Yipp and Ben Thomas tell Bible stories, and Kim Goody sings; 9.30 This is the Day: with Rosamund Essex, former editor of Church Times.

10.00 Asian Magazine: The successful integration of Asian youngsters into a host community; 10.30 Micros in the Classroom: a report from secondary schools (r); 10.55 Multi-Cultural Education: languages for life (r); 11.20 Télé-Montage: La vérité est au fond de la marmite (r); 11.45 Weekend Wardrobe: Hints on buying sewing machines (r); 12.10 The Skill of Lip-Reading: hearing aids (r).

12.35 The Unemployment Industry: How pupils at Dean's Community High School, Livingstone, prepare to face the future; 1.00 Farming; 1.25 The Past Afloat; Maritime museums and historic ships (r); 1.50 News.

1.55 Film: My Favourite Brunette (1947). Bob Hope comedy, with the comedian as a photographer caught up in a murder plot. With Dorothy Lamour, Peter Lorre, Lon Chaney.

3.20 Alias Smith and Jones: western comedy (r).

4.10 Match of the Day: Highlights from yesterday's football.

5.10 Face the Music: Tonight's experts – Lesley Collier, Richard Baker, and Robin Ray. The guest: pianist Bernard d'Ascoli. With Joseph Cooper; 5.45 News.

5.55 Antiques Roadshow: Arthur Negus and Hugh Scully among the treasures of Norwich; 6.35 Appeal: on behalf of the RNLI, by Raymond Baxter.

6.40 Your Songs of Praise Choice: Thora Hird presents favourite hymns.

7.15 Film: The Seduction of Miss Leona (1981) Romantic drama with Lynn Redgrave as the unlucky-in-love teacher who falls in love with the school janitor (Brian Dennehy), a married man. Director: Joe Hardy.

8.45 Mastermind: The final. Questions on Richard III; Shakespeare's tragic heroes; slavery; and British steam locomotives 1900-1968; 9.25 News.

9.40 That's Life: with Esther Rantzen and Co. Laughs and investigations of other people's problems.

10.25 Heart of the Matter: The plight of Asian families in London who are the victims of racial violence.

11.00 Orchestra: Film four in this six-part series about the evolution of the symphony orchestra. Tonight, Jane Glover on the brilliant orchestrations of Berlioz.

11.30 The Sky at Night: Neutrino Hunting. Patrick Moore visits a strange observatory inside a Dakota goldmine; 11.50 Weather.

TV-am

7.00 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: the programme for the under-eights, followed at 8.00 by Good Morning Britain (presented by Michael Parkinson); News at 8.00, 9.00 and 9.12; The Sunday papers, at 8.10; Politics at 8.35 and books at 8.40; Discussion of the week at 8.45 and 9.08; Preview of tomorrow's Good Morning Britain, at 9.12, with weather forecast; Closedown at 9.15.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 Owzat! How to improve your cricket. With Tom Graveney and county stars from Somerset; 10.00 Morning Worship: from Butlin's, Clacton-on-Sea where Elim Pentecostal Church are holding their conference; 11.00 Getting On: The life of 87-year-old West Yorkshire GP Dr Herbert Mercer; 11.30 God's Story: The Creation.

12.00 Weekend World: A June election or not? The prospects are analysed.

1.00 University Challenge: Undergraduates in a general knowledge quiz. With Bamber Gascoigne; 1.30 Police 5: with Shaw Taylor; 1.45 This Sporting Summer: The village of Groombridge plays cricket as it first played it 200 years ago (r).

2.15 London news. Followed by:- Film: The Fast Lady (1963) Jolly British comedy with Stanley Baxter using a vintage Bentley to win the hand of Julie Christie. With Leslie Phillips.

4.00 The Fugitive: There is a 10,000-dollar reward for the capture of Kimble (David Janssen), and a storekeeper spots him (r).

5.00 The Royal Family: Ronald Allison talks to the Duke of Gloucester about living in a palace (r).

5.30 Andy Robson: The Northumberland drama series starts up again starring Ron Davidson in the title role. Tonight: a life-or-death drama behind a royal visit.

6.00 Credo: Moral and legal issues raised by the after-sex pill are examined; 6.30 News.

6.40 Sing to the Lord: religious music and thoughts from Wales. With Clifford Evans (r).

7.15 Only When I Laugh: Hospital ward comedy series. With James Bolam, Peter Bowles (r).

7.45 The Grace Kelly Story: A re-enactment, made for American television, of the life of the actress who became a princess. With Cheryl Ladd in the title role, and Ian McShane as Prince Rainier; 9.30 News.

9.45 Alfresco: comedy sketches performed by newcomers.

10.15 The South Bank Show: Keith Waterhouse, columnist, novelist and playwright, is interviewed by Melvyn Bragg.

11.15 London news. Followed by:- Men of Science: Interview with Sir George Porter, Director of the Royal Institution.

11.45 House Calls: Lynn Redgrave in a hospital comedy; 12.15 Close: with Sian Phillips.

Ian McShane (as Prince Rainier) and Cheryl Ladd in The Grace Kelly Story (ITV, 7.45 pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 1.55).

1.55 Sunday Grandstand: Cricket (John Player League) at 2.00; Motorcyling (German 500cc Grand Prix, from Hockenheim) at 2.20; International Swimming (GB versus Canada v the Soviet Union in the Sun Life International); at 2.40; Rugby League (Hull v Featherstone Rovers – highlights) at 4.15; and International Gymnastics (European Women's Championships, from Gothenburg) at 5.00 (NB these times are for first transmissions only. There are others during the afternoon).

6.50 News Review: Jan Leeming and sub-titles.

7.15 The World About Us: The Underwater World of Al Giddings. A documentary narrated by Robert Powell (See Weekend Choice on page 7). 8.05 News.

8.10 The Shock of the New: The Mechanical Paradise. Another chance to see these eight films in which Robert Hughes relates modern art (ie during the past 100 years or so) to social and scientific changes, politics and history. The first film shows the optimism that greeted the machine age of the late 19th century (r).

9.10 A View from Kabul: This documentary, from the World About Us team, shows what life is like in the capital of Afghanistan, the country invaded by Russian tanks more than three years ago. We see something of the military and propaganda war being waged against the Muslim resistance fighters.

9.50 Stuart Burrows Sings: New series begins. The tenor's guest tonight is the soprano Anne Howells. With the BBC Welsh SO.

10.25 To Serve Them All My Days: Episode 5 of this 13-part adaptation of the R. F. Delderfield school story. David (John Duttine) has been promoted. But has promotion come too soon? (r).

11.20 Film of the Week: Too Far to Go (1978) Television movie, based on short stories by John Updike, charting the breakdown of a marriage that has lasted 15 years. With Michael Moriarty and Blythe Danner. Directed by Fielder Cook. Ends at 1.00am.

CHANNEL 4

2.05 Today's History: Love of the Game. Fascinating archive film of great sporting occasions and semi-legendary personlities (W. G. Grace, Don Bradman, etc).

2.30 Report to the Nation: The British Airports Authority defends its policies before a panel of informed critics.

3.55 Right to Reply: Channel 4 viewers air their views.

4.25 Master Bridge: Third round of this eight-player tournament. With Omar Sharif and Rixi Markus; 4.55 News headlines.

5.00 Root and Branch: What trade union members think about their movement, their leaders, and the issues that the unions are tackling.

5.30 Face the Press: Denis Healey faces Ronald Butt and James Naughtie.

6.00 Look Forward: Channel 4 trailers.

6.15 The World Badminton Championships: From Copenhgen – live. All British eyes on Nora Perry, Jane Webster, Gillian Gilks and Gillian Clark.

7.15 Music In Time: The fourth film in Derek Bailey's ambitious series about the evolution of music (see Weekend Choice, page 7)

8.15 Tell the Truth: The celebrity panel tonight consists of radio man Brian Hayes, theatre critic Jack Tinker actress Lynda Bellingham and columninst Sue Arnold.

8.45 Father's Day: Comedy series with John Alderton as the sorely-tried head of the family. With Rosalind Ayres.

9.15 Brideshead Revisited: Episode 4 of John Mortimer's respectful serialization of the Waugh novel, has Sebastian (Anthony Andrews) being presented with an ultimatum: either live under supervision, or be sent down from Oxford (r).

10.20 Samuel Goldwyn Presents: The Dark Angel (1975). Superior tear-jerker, part-written by Lillian Hellman and based on the Guy Bolton stage play. Merle Oberon and Fredric March play the lovers whose lives are almost destroyed when March is blinded during the First World War. Also starring Herbert Marshall, Janet Beecher and Henrietta Crossman. Directed by Sidney Franklin. Ends at 12.15.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 The Shape of God. 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday. Religious news.
8.50 Week's Good Cause: The Uphill Ski Club for mentally and physically handicapped young people. 8.55 Weather; Travel Programme News.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service from Bangor Abbey, Co Down.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Smash Of The Day. The Hitch-Hicker's Guide to the Galaxy (7)†.
12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather; Programme News:
1.00 The World This Weekend. Includes an interview with Mrs Thatcher.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time visits Devon.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre. Dear Countess by Elizabeth Morgan†.
4.00 News.
4.02 Round Britain Quiz 1983. West v London.
4.30 The Living World. Wildlife and the countryside.
5.00 News, Travel, Programme News.
5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 News.
6.15 Feedback. Response to listeners' comments.
6.30 At The End Of My Tether. People who have suffered and survived. 7.00 Travel; Programme News.
7.02 The Prince Of Silence, by Stephen Barley (3)†.
7.30 Bookshelf. Magazine programme about books.
8.00 Music To Remember. Haydn; records†.
8.45 Coast to Coast. Novelist Joseph Hone describes his journey across Central Africa.
9.00 News.
9.02 The Moonstone, by Wilkie Collins, dramatised in 6 parts (3)†. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Spring Returning: A selection from the writings of James Farrar†.
11.00 Places Of Pilgrimage.
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News, Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Forecast.
VHS as above except 6.55-7.55 Open University. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Arthur Rubinstein. Chopin. Szymanowski; records.
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Record equests; Prokofiev, Mozart, Tchaikovskovsky estras Of Britain. Lndon Philharmonic Orchestra: a Brahms concert 12.15-12.20* Interval Reading†
1.20 Fileder Trio. Johann David. Dohnanyi†Herbig Conducts. Wagner, Liszt, Beethoven†
3.10 The Island by Desmond Studdert.
3.45 Aci, Galatea e Polifemo. Opera by Handel†
5.20 Soviet Life Through Official Literature (new series). Four talks by Mary Seton-Watson.
6.00 College Concert. Peter Maxwell Davies, Tristan Murail, Niccolo Castiglioni.† 7.05 Recorder and Continuo recital (Mancini, Scarlatti, Handel).
7.45 Diane's Uncle And Other Relatives. Play for radio by David Cregan.†
9.00 Haydn Almost In London. Haydn (Symphony No. 78), Sacchini, Rauzzini, Shield, Vanhal.†
9.40 Interval Reading to 9.45
10.30 Getting Better. Short story by Gabriel Josipovici.
10.45 The English Madrigal, Thomas Watson.†
11.15 News.
VHF: Open University 6.55 am Children's Questioning Strategies. 7.15 Piaget in Practice. 7.35-7.55 National Power.

Radio 2

5.00am Tony Brandon † 7.30 Nick Page †including 8.02 Sports Desk 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You † 11.00 Desmond Carrington †including 12.02 Sports Desk 12.30 Brian Matthew With Two's Best † 1.30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket † 2.00 Benny Green † 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy † 4.00 Sing Something Simple with The Adam Singers † 4.30 String Sound † 5.00 Comedy Classics, Steptoe and Son, Charlie Chester with your Sunday Soapbox, including 5.30 Sports Desk 6.30 Tommy Reilly and Friends 7.00 Sunday Sport. Cricket: John Player League - Sussex v Somerset; Swimming: Great Britain v Russia v Canada; Plus all the news from home and abroad. 7.30 Glamorous Nights 8.30 Sunday Half-hour from All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.00 Sounds Of Ulster. 11.02 Sports Desk 11.05 Pete Murray's Late Show. 2.00-5.00 Bill Rennells presents You and the Night and the Music † VHF as Radio 1 5.00pm-midnight.

Radio 1

5.00 Pat Sharp. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Sunday Show. 10.00 Adrian Juste 12.00 Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club. 2.00 David Jensen. 4.00 My Top 12. 5.00 Top 40, with Tommy Vance. 7.00 Anne Nightingale. 9.00 From Mento To Lovers' Rock, A History of Jamaican Music. 10.00-12.00 Sounds Of Jazz. 12.00 Close.

World Service

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Counterpoint. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Science in Action. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Bakers Half Dozen. 12.00 Play of the Week. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show. 2.30 Teaching Disabled Children. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 8.30 Sunday Half Hour. 9.00 Love and Mr Lewisham. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Strictly Instrumental. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 Weber in London. 1.45 Portraits of Our Time. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 Rivers of the World. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.45 Letter from London. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 5.45 Portraits of Our Time.
[All times in GMT]

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1
BBC Wales 11.50pm News of Wales headlines. Scotland 1.25-1.50pm Agenda. Sportscene. 10.25-11.00 Voyager. 11.50 Scottish News Summary. Northern Ireland 11.00-11.50pm Up The Shankhill and Down The Falls. 11.52-12.22am Orchestra. 12.22 Northern Ireland news. England 11.55pm Close.

S4C
Starts 2.10pm Ffermwyr. 2.15 Week in Politics. 2.55 Tennis that Counts. 3.20 Seven Days. 3.45 Master Bridge. 4.10 Henry Cooper's Golden Belt. 5.35 Swindle. 6.30 Password. 7.00 Newyddion. 7.10 Wil Cwac Cwac. 7.17 Yr Etifeddiaeth Wyllt. 7.45 Theatr Ysgafn Yn Cllwyno . . . Rita. 8.15 Trwy Lygaid Ifanc. 8.45 Brideshead Revisited. 9.40 Late Clive James. 10.20 Voices. 11.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 1.57pm Starting Point. 2.00 Gardens for All. 2.30 House Calls. 3.00 Film: Soldier of Fortune. As TSW. 5.00-5.30 Gambit. 7.15-7.45 Newhart. 11.15 Quincy. 12.10am Closedown.

TVS
As London except: 11.45am-12.00 P.O. Box 13. 1.30pm Farming Diary 2.00 Film: Big Store. Marx Brothers comedy: 3.25 Indoor Bowls. 3.55 Bracken. 4.55 News. 5.00-5.30 Village Earth. 11.15 Paisley. 12.00 Making a Living. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TSW
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Owzat! 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.30pm Farming News. 2.00 Gardens for All. 2.30 House Calls. 3.00 Film: Soldier of Fortune (Clark Gable). Smuggler helps a wife look for her husband in Hongkong. 5.00-5.30 Gambit. 7.15-7.45 Newhart. 11.15 Quincy. 12.10am Postscript. 12.16 Closedown.

SCOTTISH
As London except: 9.25 Here's Boomer. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.30pm Farming Outlook. 2.00 God's Story. 2.15 Unaccustomed as I am. 3.15 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.00 Little House on the Prairie. 5.00-5.30 Gambit. 6.00-6.35 Cross Current. 6.40 Tales at Teatime. 6.45-7.15 Song of Celebration. 11.20 Strumpet City. 12.15am Close.

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Ask Oscar. 11.30-12.00 Owzat!. 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 West Country Farming. 2.15 Joe 90. 2.45 Metal Mickey. 3.15 Film: Doctor at Sea (Dirk Bogarde). Dr Sparrow flees from the prospects of dull married life. 5.00-5.30 The Smurfs. 11.15 Red Light for Soho. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 2.15pm Metal Mickey. 2.45-3.15 Health Choice. 5.00-5.30 The Smurfs.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Getting on. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.00pm God's Stroy. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Stingray. 2.15 Levkas Man. 3.15-5.00 Film: Green Fire (Grace Kelly) Romance and adventure set around an emerald mine. 11.15 Five Minutes. 11.20 To The Wild Country. 12.15am Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 World We Live In. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.30pm Weather. 1-35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Film: Operation Cross Eagles. Wartime thriller about a plan to swop a German for an American commander. 3.35 Radio. 4.05-5.00 Bracken. 11.15 Paisley. 12.00 Living Legend of Jazz. 12.35am Resurrection, Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: 11.30 Owzat! 12.58 Lunchtime news. 1.30 Bygones. 1.59 Farming weather. 2.00 Gardening. 2.30 Paint Along with Nancy. 3.00 Cartoon. 3.15 Film: The Further Perils of Laurel and Hardy. 6.38 Ulster News. 9.44 Ulster Weather. 11.15 Makers. 11.45 Sports results. 11.50 News at Bedtime.

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Farming. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.30pm Here and Now. 2.00 Gardening Time. 2.30 Film: Les Miserables (Anthony Perkins). Classic Victor Hugo story. 5.00-5.30 Gambit. 11.15 Music International Presents. 12.15am Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 History Makers. 11.00 Owzat!. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth. 1.30pm Incredible Hulk. 2.20 Film: Francis Gary Powers: True Story of the U2 Spy Incident (Lee Majors). 4.30-5.30 Love Boat. 11.15 Trapper John MD. 12.20am Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Getting on. 11.00 Lookaround. 11.05 Jason of Star Command. 11.17 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.30pm Farming Outlook. 2.00 Best of Three. 2.30 Little House on the Prarie. 3.30-5.30 Film: San Francisco* (Clark Gable). The loves and problems of a Barbary Coast saloon proprietor. 11.15 New Avengers. 12.15am Epilogue.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.45am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 10.15-11.00 Brass in Concert. 11.30-12 Owzat! 1.30pm Farming Outlook. 2.00 Gardening Time. 2.30 Unaccustomed as I am. 3.30-3.50 Film: Capain of the Clouds. No-good pilot flies to glory. 11.15 Reflections. 11.20 Portrait of a Legend. Petula Clark. 11.50 Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.45am-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Owzat! 1.00pm Contrasts. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Gardening Time. 2.30 Border Diary. 2.35 House Calls. 3.00 Bracken. 4.00-5.00 Little House on the Prarie. 11.15 Portrait of alegend; Stevie Wonder. 11.45 Closedown.

A wife makes Russian see red

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

A senior Soviet diplomat stormed out of the European security review conference building here yesterday after seeing Mrs Avital Shcharansky, wife of the imprisoned Soviet human rights activist, who had come to Madrid to plead her husband's case on the spot and that of other persecuted Soviet Jews.

"No, I do not want anything." Mr Serge Kondrashev snapped at reporters who had invited him to have a drink in the delegates' bar where Mrs Shcharansky was giving an improvised press conference.

Visibly annoyed, the number three man in the Soviet delegation suddenly turned on his heel and led the rest of his team hurriedly out.

Mrs Shcharansky had slipped into Madrid's conference centre, normally barred to the general public, in the company of journalists. When her presence was detected by Spanish security officials Mr Spencer Oliver, acting head of the United States delegation, invited her to be his guest.

The incident happened just after the Soviet Union had told the Western countries at a plenary session of the 35 nation conference that it will not accept any of their proposed amendments to a neutral and non-aligned nations' draft document designed to bring the two-and-a-half-year-old Madrid meeting to a close.

Mr Anatoly Kovalev, a deputy Foreign Minister, bluntly declared: "The possibility of further negotiations is now exhausted for all practical purposes."

● MOSCOW: The Soviet Union said yesterday that it was ready to compromise to end the deadlock at the European security review conference, Reuter reports.

An address to participating states said the meeting had been going on for too long, Moscow was now prepared to adopt a draft document submitted by the neutral and non-aligned states



Seeing is believing: Mr Kondrashev (right) hurries from the conference building after catching sight of Mrs Shcharansky (left), seen arriving earlier.

Israel agrees to withdrawal terms

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Syria did not now agree to withdraw, Israel would have to consider "one sided measures".

Pressed to elaborate, he acknowledged that the most likely Israeli move would be a unilateral withdrawal to a line running approximately 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of Israel's border. Any such move would affectively partition Lebanon.

A rapid indication of the benefits which Israel can expect from the United States as a result of its more flexile posture was the issuing of an invitation last night to Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, to visit Washington.

Other benefits are expected to include more military aid, a lifting of the ban on delivery of 75 F16 military aircraft, and a revival of the memorandum of strategic understanding, frozen since the annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Among Israeli officials last night there was great pessimism about the chances of Syria or its chief arms supplier, the Soviet Union, willingly going along with a peace plan drawn up by the US. A final indication of Syrian intentions will not be available until later today when Mr Shultz is due to meet President Assad in Damascus before flying on to Saudi Arabia.

If recent hard-line Syrian statements prove unfounded and Syria is willing to pull out its men, Mr Modai said that he expected the complex withdrawal process to begin in about two weeks. The agreement envisages it taking up to three months to complete.

He refused to disclose details of the pact or of the issues on which Israel is still holding out for clarifications. But he appeared distinctly uneasy about the decision and explained he would not have supported the war if he knew that this "was ging to be the outcome".

The vote represented further isolation for Mr Sharon, who argued bluntly that the Shultz draft contained "no answer to Israel's security problems".

The agreement represented a significant concession by Israel about the future of Major Haddad, the south Lebanese militia leader. Israel has for four months insisted be given the role of overall military commander in southern Lebanon. Instead he is to be offered a lesser position with the military rank of colonel.

It was not immediately clear whether the cashiered major would accept this role. He told *The Times* recently that he would accept nothing less than the position of military governor of south Lebanon.

Although details of the agreement were kept secret, it is believed to allow for about 100 Israeli troops to operate inside southern Lebanon in joint supervisory teams with the Lebanese Army. It is also thought to allow for a six-month interim period before details of normalization of relations with Lebanon are formalized.

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News group moves into satellite TV

A far-reaching diversification of the interests controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch, publisher of *The Times*, is probable after companies in his group announced yesterday that they are on the verge of moving into satellite communications.

News International, owner of *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun*, and the *News of the World*, as well as *The Times*, said that the board of Satellite Television, a British company which has been hotly pursued by several bidders, had agreed to recommend to shareholders an offer worth £5m which would give News International 65 per cent of the company. City soures said the offer was likely to be accepted.

At the same time, News International has expanded into the American satellite television business through a subsidiary which is in a joint venture with Inter-American Satellite Television, a Californian company. The joint venture will begin broadcasting to a potential audience of 24 million in September.

These two moves are seen within News International as the start of an important development of the group. The satellites, which may be joined by others, can carry music, news, textual services, games, and computer software, in addition to conventional television programmes. It is possible that they could be linked to provide a worldwide network, capable of producing international editions of newspapers.

Satellite Television has been broadcasting since 1981, using the European Orbital Test Satellite. But it reaches viewers through existing cable television networks, and arguments in many European countries, including Britain, over the use of cable, have confined the potential audience to about 400,000 English speakers in Finalnd, Malta, Norway and Switzerland.

News International will strengthen Satellite Televisions management and implement a business plan which was one of the main attractions of the bid, according to City sources. At least another £5m wil be committed.

Broadcasting will be transferred to the European Communications Satellite when it is launched in June

Thatcher told to go for June 9 poll

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If Mrs Thatcher had hoped that the electors on Thursday would take the decision out of her hands she was undeceived by 6 am yesterday, when she began her day. (She had gone to bed early, by her standards, at 12.30 am).

The message from the polling booths was confused. The Conservatives had done well, but not quite so well as they had hoped.

The genuine view yesterday of experienced Opposition politicians was that Mrs Thatcher could not afford to miss the present excellent opportunity.

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Hitler diaries forged

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explanation of the details of *Stern's* response was not yet possible. He added: "Nevertheless the Rhineland-Palatinate Criminal Department as well as many internationally recognized handwriting experts had confirmend the authenticity of the handwriting extracts taken from the diaries belonging to the special Hess volume, so that in good faith *Stern* was able to begin publication."

Herr Nannen said historians had been convinced of their authenticity. Further tests had been set in motion, including those by the Swiss Materials Testing and Experimentation Department and by the American Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The German Government's announcement deals a paralysing moral and financial blow to *Stern*, which admitted it invested enormous sums in acquiring the diaries.

Since *Stern* announced on April 22 that it had discovered the diaries, said to have been rescued from the werckage of an aircraft that crashed in 1945 on its way from Berlin to Austria with secret documents from Hitler's bunker, numerous historians have declared they were forgeries, probably perpetrated in East Germany. Several specialists of the era said they had been offered similar material in the past.

Lord Dacre, Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, said he regretted authenticating the diaries too quickly and was embarrassed that this had caused problems for Times newspapers.

He added that be would have avoided the mistake if he had insisted on more time to authenticate them, although he originall believed them to be geunine. It was only after reflection that he has doubts.

By the time he attended a press conference in Hamburg he was convinced they were fakes.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Last chance to see

Glass engraving by Alison Geissler, Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow).

People's History of Yorkshire, Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (ends tomorrow).

Paintings by Peter Phillips, Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southampton; Tues to Sat 11 to 5.45, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

Sporting prints lent by the British Sporting Art Trust, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Fri (ends tomorrow).

Work by three Canadian sculptors, Museum and Art Gallery, Cartwright Hall, Bradford; Tues to Sun 10 to 5, closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

Music

Concert by Belfast Baroque Consort, Harty Room, Queens' University, Belfast, 8.

Organ recital by Andrew Seivewright, Hereford Cathedral, 7.30.

Recital by Cantamus Girls' Choir, Newark Parish Church, Notts, 7.30.

Concert by Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, Lincoln Cathedral, 7.30.

Organ recital by Stephen Darlington, St Andrew's Church, Bedford, 7.30.

Concert by Wolverhampton Chamber Orchestra, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Compton Road, Wolverhampton, 7.45.

Concert by North Herts Guild of Singers and Hitchin Concert Orchestra, St George's Church, Stevenage, 7.30.

Organ recital by Martin Neary, Winchester Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by Northampton Philharmonic Choir and Midland Chamber Orchestra, Derngate Centre, Northampton, 7.30

Piano recital by Bernard Roberts, Middleton Hall, Hull University, 7.45.

General

Spalding Flower Parade, Spalding, Lincs; floats leave Sir Halley Stewart Field at 1.30, to Springfields and back aroumd 4.30. Floats on view in Sir Halley Field today (except during parade) 10.30 to 7; tomorrow, Mon and Tues 9 to 7.

University open day: exhibitions, demonstrations, lectures, films, Southampton University, 10.30 to 5.

Solution of Puzzle No 16,117



Solution of Puzzle No 16,122



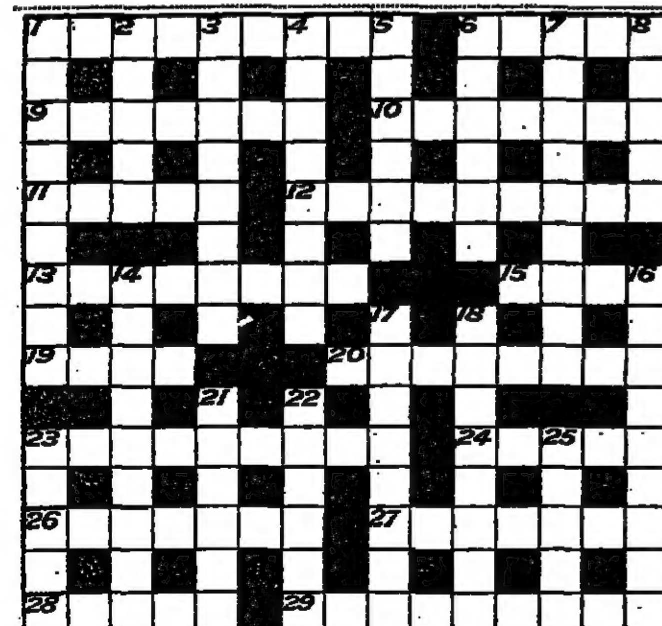
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,123

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are:
Mr. William J. Luxton, Abbots Lodge, 6 Abbotswood, Guildford, Surrey ; F. Allison, Hill House, Shipton Oliffe, Cheltenham, Glos. ; Mr. E. J. Coales, The Farthings, Long Green, Wortham, Diss, Norfolk.

Name..

Address..



ACROSS
1 Composer frequently heard another? (9).
6 Legal business one declines to specify (5).
9 Shallow, perhaps, and frozen completely (7).
10 College president (7).
11 White man always has precedence in this (5).
12 Indication that Jack's leaving TV programme (4,5).
13 Just started Act I? No, he ordered otherwise (8).
15 Stuff turned into this brandy (4).
19 Point-to-point attended by young gentlemen (4).
20 Month to keep mum in the Tower (8).
23 Consistent activity of landlord, say (2,7).
24 Partly steer course that's far from sensible (5).
26 Messenger sometimes kept in band during stir (7).
27 Bird I spotted beside a shrub (7).
29 Drink tea? Why, we hear there's rum in it (5).
29 Obstruct no part of prison for Lovelace (9).

DOWN
1 One of 6 across aimed at by troops (9).
2 Excavation is Roman by the way (5).
3 Material for article on ruling party written in recess (8).
4 Bitterness of queen bee, say, in a large community (8).
5 Support crime? (4,2).
6 Is able to give appearance of delicacy (6).
7 No such deficit destroyed Moriarty (9).
8 European title taken back from boxer one stopped (5).
14 Founder of gaming club full of clergymen (9).
16 Hang up near thing (5,4).
17 Bounder in court, sort of (8).
18 Can be said to have volunteers in firm (8).
21 Quality of information on judge (6).
22 Several hoping to win with pools entries (6).
23 Advanced passenger train, at first fashionable but not on the right lines? (5).
25 Greek colony I found in island (5).

Tomorrow

Concert by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Nottingham Harmonic Choir, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

Recital by Dartingtron Ensemble, Great Hall, Dartington, nr Totnes, Devon, 8.

Concert by Buxton Music Society Chorus and Orchestra, St John the Baptist Church, Buxton, 8.

General

Traction engine rally, Museum of Science and Industry, Newhall Street, Birmingham, 10 to 5.

Anniversaries

Births: **David Hume**, economist, (April 26 old style), Edinburgh, 1711; **Robert Browning**, London, 1812; **Johannes Brahms**, Hamburg, 1833; **Archibald Philip Primrose**, 5th Earl of Rosebery, prime minister 1894-5, London, 1847; **Rabindranath Tagore**, poet and mystic, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1861; **Marshal Josip Broz Tito**, Kumrovec, Yugoslavia, 1892. Deaths: **Thomas Barnes**, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41; London, 1841; **James Nasmyth**, inventor of the *steam hammer*, London, 1890. 1,198 lives were lost when the Lusitania was sunk by the U20 off the Irish coast, 1915.

TOMORROW: Births: **Thomas Hancock**, inventor, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1786; **Jean-Henri Dunant**, founder of the Red Cross, Nobel laureate for peace 1901, Geneva, 1828; **Harry S. Truman**, 33rd president of the USA 1945-53, Lamar, Missouri, 1884. Deaths: **Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier**, scientist, guillotined, Paris, 1794; **John Stuart Mill**, Avignon, France, 1873; **Paul Gauguin**, Atuana, Marquesas Islands, 1903. VE Day, 1945.

Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Avon: Goldney House Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol; 9 acres, old-world garden dating from 1731; orangery, parterre; 2 to 6.

TOMORROW

Bedfordshire: Toddington Manor, Toddington, off M1 at exit 12; fine trees and shrubs, walled garden, rare breeds of cattle and sheep, lakes, wild fowl; plants for sale; 2 to 7. **Cambridgeshire:** Leckhampton (Corpus Christi College), 37 Grange Road, Cambridge; fine trees, wild garden, herbaceous; 2 to 6. **Essex:** Thorpe Hall, Thorpe-le-Soken; famous garden, fine specimen trees; 2 to 6. **Gwynedd:** Hafod Garregog, Nantmor, 5m N of Penrhyndeudraeth towards Aberglaslyn; woodland setting, trees and shrubs, bluebell walk; (also open on Saturday May 14); 1.30 to 6. **Hampshire:** Pylewell Park, Lymington; large garden, flowering shrubs, rhododendrons, woodland garden; 2 to 6. **Kent:** Edenbridge House, Edenbridge; fine spring garden; 2 to 7. **London:** Four gardens in Highgate: 799 Highgate West Hill; 82 Highgate West Hill; 7 The Grove and 5 The Grove; 2 to 6. **Oxfordshire:** Evenlode, Stonesfield, 3m W of Woodstock; one acre garden rock garden, shrubs and bulbs; 2 to 6. **Surrey:** Ramster, Chiddingfold, 1m S of Chiddingfold on A283 to Petworth; woodland garden, rare rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias, azaleas and other shrubs; 2 to 7. **Sussex:** Fair Ridge, Bugsell Lane, 1m W of Robertsbridge off A21 in Robertsbridge on road to Brightling; woodland garden, bluebellls, azaleas, heathers; 2 to 6.

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Essex: Saling Hall, Great Saling, 6m NW of Braintree, off A120 between Braintree and Dunmow; 12 acres, old walled garden, unusual plants and trees; 2 to 5.

In the garden

In many parts of the country, especially in the Midlands and the North, the excessively wet spring has seriously held up much work of sowing and planting. Seize every chance when the soil is workable, and it may be possible to catch up because seeds will germinate faster and plants will make new root and top growth quicker as the soil warms up. There may also be a bonus because fruit blossom is very late and may escape damaging frosts; the bees may come out in force on warmer, sunnier days and we may well have a bumper crop of apples, pears and plums.

Whenever soil conditions permit, sow carrots, lettuces, beetroot, peas and spinach. Dwarf and runner beans may be sown in the southern half of the country, also sweet corn and marrows.

Plant old dahlia tubers, making sure there is six inches of soil above the tubers. Plant outdoor chrysanthemums.

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Bond winners

Winning numbers in the May draw for Premium Savings Bond £10,000 prizes are: 3DN 032448 (the winner comes from Warwickshire); 14KW 550049 (Suffolk); 3NZ 477383 (Reading); 5VS 912809 (Surrey); 8WW 454105 (London Borough of Greenwich).

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Roads

London and South-east: A102(M): Lane closures on Blackwall Tunnel. Wembley and Twickenham areas congested because of rugby matches. A40: Roadworks at Ruislip, Northolt and Perivale.

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures between junctions 11 (Cheltenham) and 12 (Gloucester). M4: Westbound exit slip-road closed at junction 26 (Cwmbran). A55: Temporary lights at Llandudno from 8 am today until tomorrow evening.

Midlands and East Anglia: M1: Lane closures at junction 16 (Northampton); junction 16 closed except exit from southbound carriageway. A34: Temporary lights S of Shipston, Warwickshire. A11: Temporary signals at Hethersett, Norfolk.

North: M62: Lane closures between junctions 22 (Bradford, Halifax) and 26 (Ripponden), W Yorks. A1: Roadworks at Borough Bridge, N Yorks. M6: Lane closures between junctions 41 (N of Penrith) and 42 (S Carlisle), Cumbria.

Scotland: A379: Moss Road (Clyde Tunnel expressway: Southbound carriageway of Shieldhall Road closed; diversion. M8: Eastbound carriageway closed tomorrow between Charng Cross and Townhead, Glasgow.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

On the question of the abolition of the GLC, the Daily Mail says Mrs Thatcher should not listen to Tory councillors , but respond to her own "extremely sound" instincts. "All we would lose would be a son et lumiere show" the paper adds. "For those who live in the areas subject to this bloated and useless authority, the best rates reform available is to eliminate it and thus remove the burden which it imposes."

Mrs Thatcher will get little guidance from the local election results in deciding the date of the general election, says the Daily Express. "She should simply rely on her instincts – they have not failed her often in the past four years."

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.88	1.80
Austria Sch	28.45	26.65
Belgium Fr	79.75	75.75
Canada $	1990	1.91
Denmark Kr	14.28	13.56
Finland Mkk	8.94	8.44
France Fr	12.05	11.45
Germany DM	3.99	3.79
Greece Dr	133.50	125.50
Hongkong $	11.21	10.63
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2360.00	2250.00
Japan Yen	398.00	370.00
Netherlands Gld	4.49	4.27
Norway Kr	11.65	11.05
Portugal Esc	168.00	150.00
South Africa Rd	1.98	1.84
Spain Pta	216.50	205.50
Sweden Kr	12.27	11.65
Switzerland Fr	3.37	3.19
USA $	1.635	1.59
Yugoslavia Dnr	125.00	121.00

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London: The *FT* Index closed down 0.6 at 694.4.

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Weather

A depression over the Irish Sea will move slowly NE.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, SW, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny periods and showers; wind S to SW, moderate, becoming W; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Showers or longer periods of rain, sunny intervals; wind S, moderate, becoming NW; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showers or longer periods of rain, sunny intervals; wind variable, light; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Northern Ireland: Outbreaks of rain, becoming more showery, sunny intervals; wind NW, moderate; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Dry in places at first, but rain or showers spreading to all parts; becoming colder and windy.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. English Channel (E): Wind SW veering W fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. St. George's Channel: Wind W veering NW fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. Irish Sea: Wind E backing NW fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 5.23 am	Sun sets: 8.33 pm
Moon 3.58 am	Moon: 2.07 pm

New moon: May 12.

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.21 am	Sun sets: 8.34 pm
Moon 4.16 am	Moon: 3.17 pm

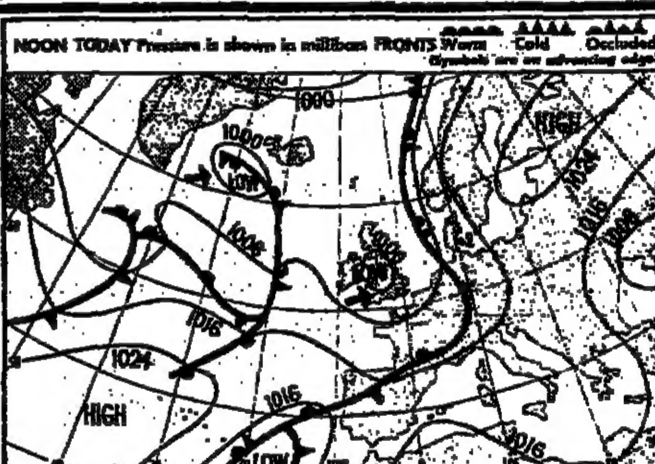
Lighting-up time

London 9.03 pm to 4.31 am
Bristol 9.12 pm to 5.01 am
Edinburgh 9.33 pm to 4.45 am
Manchester 9.18 pm to 5.17 am
Penzance 9.19 pm to 5.17 am

Tomorrow
London 9.04 pm to 4.49 am
Bristol 9.14 pm to 4.59 am
Edinburgh 9.35 pm to 4.43 am
Manchester 9.20 pm to 4.50 am
Penzance 9.21 pm to 5.16 am

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
St Andrews	0.5	.59	11	52	Rain
Scarboro	1.4	.19	13	55	Bright
Bridlington	0.7	.24	11	52	Bright
Cromer	0.9	.23	17	63	Rain
Lowestoft	3.6	.07	14	57	Rain am
Clacton	6.6	.22	16	61	Rain am
Margate	7.3	.20	19	66	Sunny
Folkestone	7.2	.17	16	61	Bright
Hastings	8.3	.33	17	63	Sunny
Eastbourne	7.5	.17	15	59	Sunny
Worthing	6.8	.15	15	59	Fair
Littlehampton	7.9	.16	15	59	Sunny pm
Bognor R	9.0	.18	13	55	Sunny
Southsea	8.4	.10	16	61	Bright
Shanklin	10.8	.13	16	61	Sunny
Bournemouth	6.1	.29	15	59	Bright
Poole	2.2	.27	16	61	Showers
Weymouth	3.5	.23	14	57	Cloudy
Exmouth	3.5	.17	14	57	Showers
Torquay	6.0	.18	14	57	Bright
Falmouth	–	.03	13	55	Showers
Penzance	1.4	.01	14	57	Dull
Jersey	9.0	.35	17	63	Showers
Guernsey	7.2	.45	17	63	Showers
Scilly Isles	–	–	–	–	
Newquay	0.6	.01	13	55	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	–	.05	15	59	Cloudy
Tenby	1.7	.05	13	55	Rain pm
Southport	3.2	.37	18	64	Cloudy
Morecambe	3.8	.43	17	63	Bright
Douglas		1.01	11	52	Showers
B'ham (Airpt)	8.3	.28	18	64	Showers
Bristol (Ctl)	9.2	.11	16	61	Bright
Cardiff (Ctl)	4.7	.18	15	59	Sunny am
Anglesey	2.6	.38	15	59	Showers
B'pool (Airpt)	3.5	.60	18	64	Showers
Manchester	–	–	–	–	
Nottingham	5.2	.35	18	64	Sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	2.2	.35	14	57	Rain am
Eskdalemuir	4.0	1.02	15	59	Bright
Glasgow	0.1	1.07	13	55	Showers
Tiree	4.7	.16	13	55	Bright
Stornoway	0.8	–	13	55	Cloudy
Kinloss	1.4	.18	15	59	Rain am
Edinburgh	1.8	.42	13	55	Rain late
Aldergrove	0.9	.16	13	55	Showers





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	13	55	Guernsey	f	13	55
Birmingham	c	16	61	Inverness	f	12	53
Blackpool	c	15	59	Jersey	s	15	59
Bristol	c	15	59	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	r	14	57	Manchester	c	17	63
Edinburgh	c	9	48	Newcastle	c	11	52
Glasgow	r	11	52	Ronaldsway	c	11	52

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.7 hrs. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Margate, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Aberdeen, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Glasgow, 1.07in; highest sunshine: Shanklin, 10.8hr.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.5
Aberdeen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.3
Avonmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.2
Belfast	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.8
Cardiff	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.6
Devonport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.1
Dover	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.3
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.9
Glasgow	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.8
Harwich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.3
Holyhead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.3
Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.6
Ilfracombe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.6
Leith	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–
Liverpool	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.2
Lowestoft	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.0
Margate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.8
Milford Haven	2.49	5.1	3.32	5.1
Newquay	1.49	5.2	2.30	5.2
Oban	8.10	3.1	3.42	2.9
Penzance	12.55	4.2	1.43	4.1
Portland	2.21	1.3	3.53	1.3
Portsmouth	8.08	3.5	8.57	3.8
Shoreham	7.56	4.5	8.37	4.9
Southampton	7.38	3.5	8.35	3.7
Swansea	2.42	7.0	2.19	7.0
Tees	12.30	4.0	12.38	4.2
Walton-on-Naze	8.36	3.3	8.48	3.2

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.40	5.9	11.55	5.8
Aberdeen	11.07	3.4		
Avonmouth	4.35	9.9	5.02	10.1
Belfast	8.54	2.9	9.27	2.9
Cardiff	4.22	9.2	4.49	9.4
Devonport	2.50	4.4	3.36	4.3
Dover	8.55	5.2	9.09	5.6
Falmouth	2.20	4.2	3.08	4.1
Glasgow	10.49	3.9	11.21	4.0
Harwich	9.42	3.5	9.54	3.5
Holyhead	8.13	4.6	8.55	4.5
Hull	4.11	5.6	4.08	6.0
Ilfracombe	3.38	7.1	4.07	7.1
Leith	12.10	4.4	12.25	4.5
Liverpool	9.01	7.7	9.38	7.8
Lowestoft	7.48	2.1	7.04	2.0
Margate	9.54	4.0	9.57	4.0
Milford Haven	3.56	5.5	4.28	5.5
Newquay	2.54	5.5	3.34	5.6
Oban	3.56	3.3	4.26	3.1
Penzance	2.03	4.4	2.45	4.3
Portland	3.52	1.4	4.51	1.5
Portsmouth	9.13	3.7	9.47	4.0
Shoreham	9.02	4.8	9.31	5.2
Southampton	8.44	3.7	9.25	3.9
Swansea	3.51	7.4	4.22	7.5
Tees	1.34	4.2	1.35	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	9.44	3.4	9.51	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	19	66	Copenhgn	s	16	61	Majorca	f	20	68	Rio de Jan*			
Akrotiri*	s	23	73	Corfu	s	24	75	Malaga	s	22	72	Rome	s	20	68
Alexandria	c	21	70	Dallas				Malta	s	22	72	Salzburg	s	17	63
Algiers	s	24	75	Dublin	c	10	50	Melbourne	c	18	64	Sao Paulo*	c	26	79
Amsterdam	c	17	63	Dubrovnik	s	20	68	Mexico C*	s	27	81	S Francisco			
Athens	s	25	77	Faro	f	20	68	Miami*				Santiago*			
Bahrain	s	32	90	Florence	f	20	68	Milan	s	22	72	Seoul	r	14	57
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	s	17	63	Montreal				Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	f	20	68	Funchal	f	20	68	Moscow	c	13	55	Stockholm	s	15	59
Beirut	s	20	68	Geneva	f	19	66	Munich	s	16	61	Strasbourg	s	19	66
Belgrade*	f	18	64	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Nairobi	r	23	73	Sydney	s	22	72
Berlin	f	15	59	Helsinki	f	13	55	Naples	s	20	68	Tangier	s	20	68
Bermuda*	c	23	73	Hongkong	r	26	79	New Delhi	s	35	95	Tel Aviv	s	22	72
Biarritz	f	17	63	Innsbruck	f	19	66	New York				Tenerife	s	22	72
Boulogne	c	13	55	Istanbul	f	19	66	Nice	c	16	61	Tokyo	r	19	66
Bordeaux	f	21	70	Jiddah*	f	33	91	Oslo	s	16	61	Toronto			
Brussels	r	16	61	Jo'burg	s	24	75	Ottawa				Tunis	f	23	73
Budapest	f	16	61	Karachi	s	34	93	Paris	c	19	66	Valencia	s	21	70
Bueno Aires				Las Palmas	s	21	70	Peking	c	18	64	Vancouver			
Cairo*	s	27	81	Lisbon	s	17	63	Perth	c	21	70	Venice	s	20	68
Cape Tn	s	20	68	Locarno	f	22	72	Prague	c	19	66	Vienna	s	14	57
C'blanca	s	19	66	L Angeles				Reykjavik	f	5	41	Warsaw	f	11	52
Chicago				Luxembourg	s	17	63	Rhodes	s	22	72	Washington			
Cologne	s	18	64	Madrid	f	22	72	Riyadh	f	35	95	Zurich	s	18	64

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available